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MAIN CHARACTERS

AYANOKOUJI YOUKO (HOUASHIWO): ONCE A MONSTER REPLACING PAI ON BENARES' ORDERS, SHE IS NOW ONE OF YAKUMO'S GANG'S MOST TRUSTED FRIENDS.

PAI: LAST SURVIVOR OF THE LEGENDARY MONSTERS SANJIYAN UNKARA. SHE HAS LIVED OVER 300 YEARS, AND HAS TWO PERSONALITIES.

SANJIYAN: (PARVATI THE 4TH) APPEARING WHEN A THIRD EYE OPENED ON PAI'S FOREHEAD, AND ONE MORE PERSONALITY ONCE SEALED KAIYANWAN.

FUJII YAKUMO: MAIN HERO OF THE SERIES. HE WAS AN ORDINARY RESTAURANT STUDENT, BUT AFTER HAVING BEEN MADE INTO AN UNDEAD - "WU" - BY PAI'S MAGICS, HE LEFT ON A JOURNEY OF ADVENTURE.

SUMMARY UP TO NOW: THERE HAS BEEN NO NEWS FOR FOUR YEARS FROM THE ANTHROPOLOGIST PROFESSOR FUJII, EXPLORING THE INTERIOR OF TIBET ALONE, WHEN A HIS SON, FUJII YAKUMO, RECIEVES THE PROFESSOR'S REMAINS AND LETTER FROM A LONELY GIRL. ACCORDING TO HIS FATHER'S LETTER, THE GIRL IS THE LAST LIVING MEMBER OF A LEGENDARY RACE CALLED THE "SANJIYAN UNKARA", WHO WIELD THE MAGIC OF ETERNAL YOUTH. AT FIRST, YAKUMO LAUGHS, BUT WHEN HE SUFFERS SERIOUS WOUNDS AT THE ATTACK OF THE MONSTER TAKUHI, AND THE GIRL'S MAGIC SAVES HIS SOUL FROM CERTAIN DEATH BY REVIVING HIM AS AN UNDEAD "WU", HIS OWN BODY CONFIRMS HIS FATHER'S WORDS. TOGETHER WITH THE GIRL HAVING A THIRD EYE ON HER FOREHEAD, PAI, YAKUMO SETS OF ON A JOURNEY TO FIND THE WAY TO BECOME HUMAN. DURING THEIR JOURNEY, THEY FIND OUT ABOUT THE KEY TO HUMANIZATION, THE "STATUE OF NINGEN", BUT AT THE SAME TIME, PAI IS SHOCKED TO FIND MONSTERS SEEKING TO REVIVE KAIYANWAN, KING OF DARKNESS, AS HE IS SURELY KAIYANWAN SHIVA, THE LAST KING OF THE RACE WHO SAUGHT TO DESTROY THE SANJIYAN UNKARA TO PREVENT THE REVIVAL OF KAIYANWAN, WHICH WOULD BRING ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD, INCLUDING THE HUMAN WORLD, YAKUMO'S PARTY CHALLENGE KAIYANWAN'S "WU" BENARES TO FIGHT IN THE HOLY LAND OF THE SANJIYAN. YAKUMO HAVING BEEN DEFEATED BY BENARES' PREVIOUSLY OVERWHELMING POWER, THE ACTIONS OF PAI'S BODY DEPENDING ON THE ABANDONED HOASHIWO, BENARES' BODY IS SMASHED UP AGAINST THE SKY TOGETHER WITH THE HOLY DEVIL STONE, IN WHICH KAIYANWAN IS SEALED.

MAIN CHARACTERS

KAIYANWAN SHIVA: A KING ONCE SEEKING TO DESTROY THE SANJIYAN RACE. RESURRECTED TO THE HUMAN WORLD, HE WOULD DESTROY THE WORLD
USHAS: MOTHER OF SHIVA, CURRENT KING OF THE EYE-MONSTERS. HAVING BROUGHT THE DISPLEASURE OF THE PREVIOUS KING, SHE WAS IMPRISONED IN SUB SPACE FOR 3000 YEARS
KAMIYAMA YORIKO: BORN FROM MONSTER AND HUMAN, SHE USES ASTRAL BEASTS. SHE CALLS YOUKO "OLD SISTER" AND ADMIRES HER
ASAI MIYUKO: YAKUMO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. LOVES HIM AND ALSO KNOWS THAT HE'S BECOMING A "DEVIL"
ULIKAI: ORIGINALLY ONE OF THE NINE-HEADED DRAGONS AMONG BENARES' FOLLOWERS. JUST AS SHE WAS ABOUT TO BE EXECUTED FOR ONE OF HER FAILURES, HAAN MANAGED TO RESCUE HER
HAAN: A S... OF MAGICAL... NEXT TO THE COLLAPSE OF ROCK CASTLE ISLAND, HE FELL TO HIS DEATH TO SAVE PAI
BENARES: SHIVA'S "WIL" ORIGINALLY A HUGE DRAGON, HE NOW CONTROLS ALL MONSTERS

HOWEVER, NEITHER BENARES NOR KAIYANWAN HAS BEEN DESTROYED. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DRAWN OUT FROM A FRAGMENT OF THE HOLY DEVIL STONE, THEY LEARN THAT THE ORIGINAL "HUMANIFICATION RITUAL" IS AN EVIL RITUAL TAKING POWER FROM THE SANJIYAN AND GIVING IT TO KAIYANWAN. BENARES APPEARS BEFORE YAKUMO'S GANG, HIS AGENTS ALL OVER TOKYO GAINING ON THE THIRD SOUGHT SANJIYAN, USHASU, WHO WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM SUB-SPACE, AND PAI FALL INTO THE HANDS OF BENARES, AND KAIYANWAN IS FINALLY REVIVED. THE "HUMANIFICATION RITUAL" TO REGAIN THE POWER OF THE WEAKENED KAIYANWAN IS IMMEDIATELY BEGUN, BUT THE EVIL RITUAL IS STOPPED INCOMPLETE THANKS TO THE ACTIONS OF YAKUMO & CO, AND THE RESCUE OF PAI IS ALSO SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, IN COMPENSATION FOR THAT, HAAN IS SWALLOWED UP BY THE COLLAPSE OF THE FORTRESS ON ROCK CASTLE ISLAND AND LOST AMONG THE RUBBLE...

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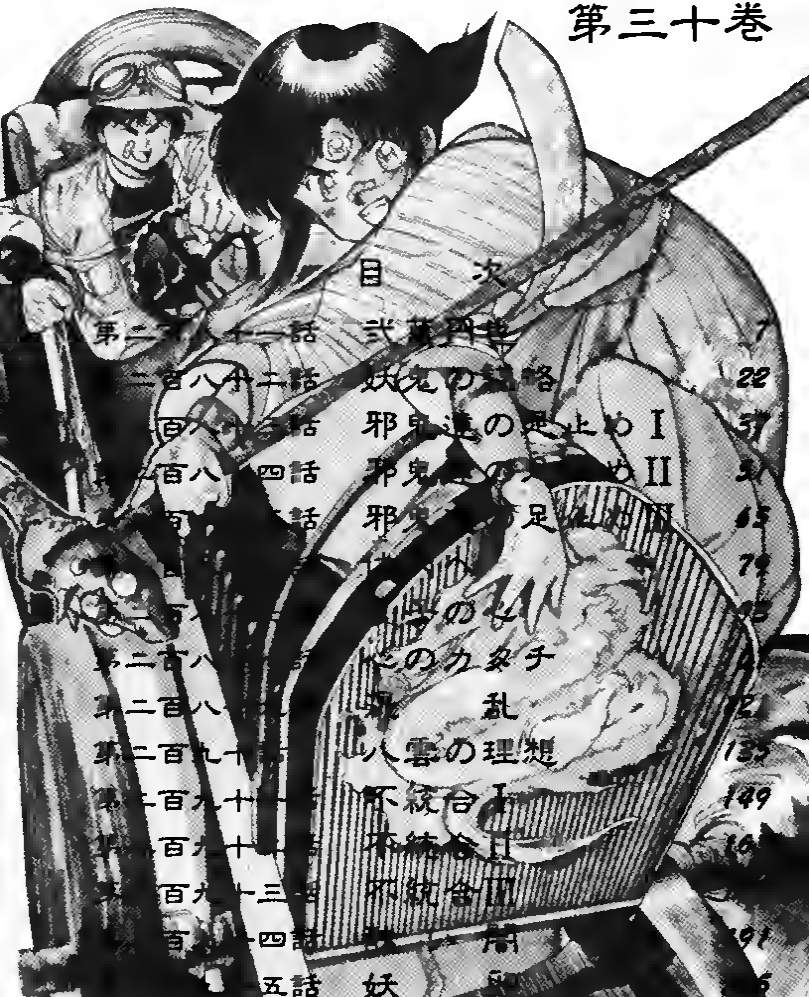

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IT'S TWENTY THOUSAND YEN

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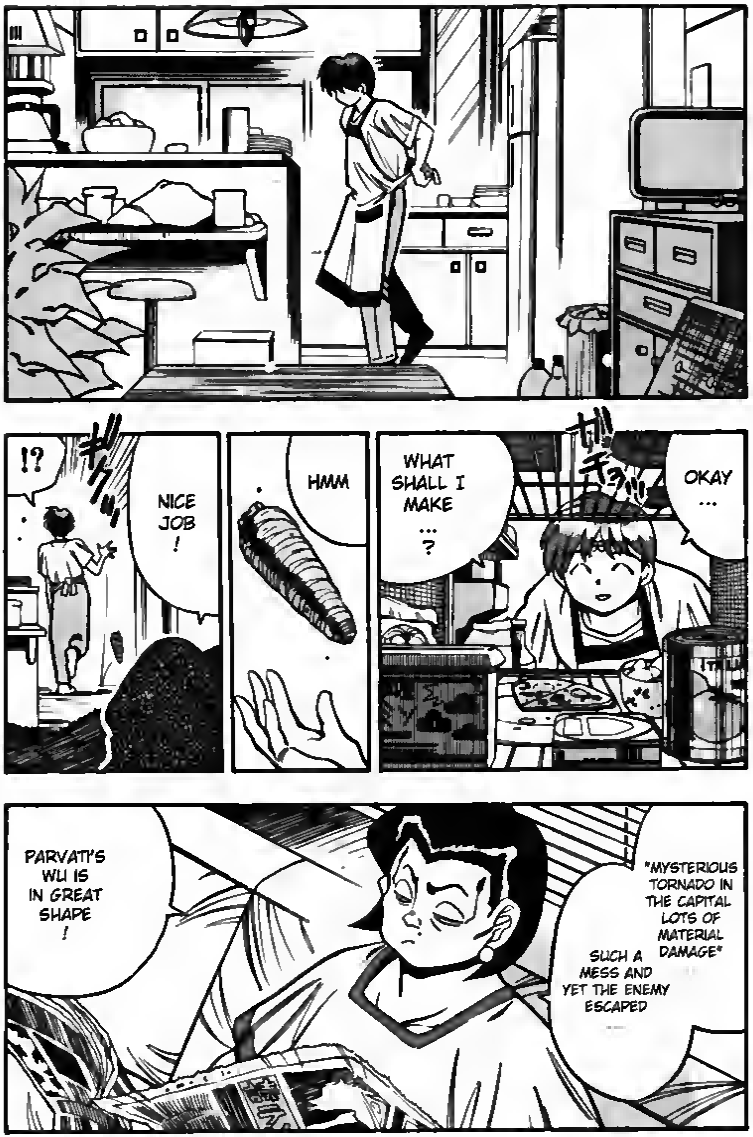
"MYSTERIOUS TORNADO IN THE CAPITAL LOTS OF MATERIAL DAMAGE"
SUCH A MESS AND YET THE ENEMY ESCAPED
PARVATI'S WII IS IN GREAT SHAPE !
OKAY ...
WHAT SHALL I MAKE ...?
HMM
NICE JOB !
!?

GIMME A BREAK
YOU FAILED BIG TIME!
THAT'S IT PREPARE BREAKFAST TO DISTRACT ATTENTION
YOU GAVE ME A GOOD FRIGHT
MAMA-SAN, YOU'RE UP ?
IT WAS JUST A MOMENTARY SLIP
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME IF HE'S NOT AROUND
HEHE
HAAN'S DEATH AFFECTED YOU, NO ?
YOU AND ALSO SANJIYAN ...
DING-DONG
BUT SHE WON'T BE A FAILURE LIKE ME
THE ONE WHO'S MOST AFFECTED IS AYANOKOUJI

AND FELL ASLEEP ON THE COMPLEX'S ROOF TILL DAWN?
YOU WERE POISONED BY THE MONSTER'S TOXIC FUMES...
SORRY
I'M ... REALLY ... VERY SORRY
NO, LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT US, IS SEIMA-SAMA OK?
OH, IT'S WONDERFUL BOTH OF YOU ARE ALRIGHT
YEAH, SHE'S FINE
...
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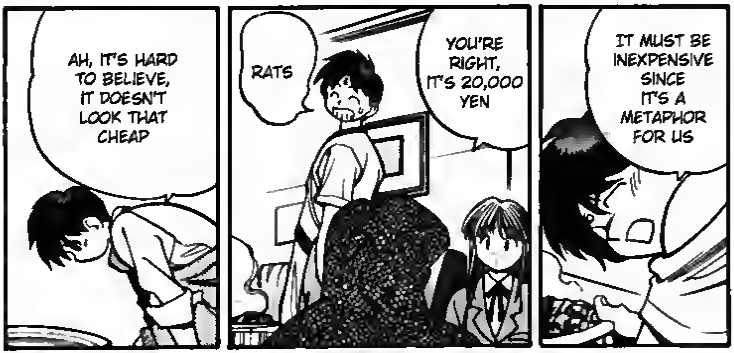
WHY DID THOSE MONSTERS ATTACKED?
BUT WHAT WERE THEY THINKING ?
THEN SLICE THE VEGETABLE STEMS AND THE TOMATOES
AH, LET ME HELP
A GREETING HUH ...
SHE SAID IT WAS A GREETING
I'M WORRIED
CAN YOU GUYS REALLY SAVE THE WORLD?
WHAT IS IT, MAMA-SAN ?

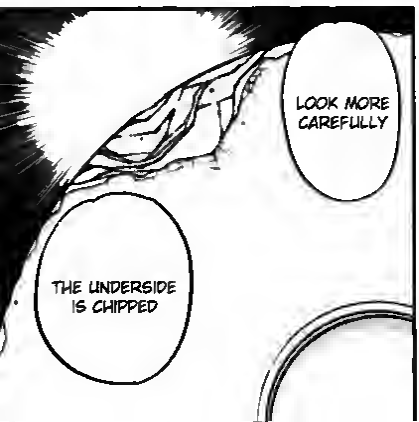
IF YOU WANT TO AVENGE HAAN, YOU SHOULD BE MORE SERIOUS
THAT ... THAT ...
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
...
WE'RE ALREADY TRYING OUR BEST ...
WHAT THE ?
NOBODY'S SAYING YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS

PROBABLY A FAKE, IT'S UNLIKELY MAMA-SAN HAS EXPENSIVE STUFF
SEEMS LIKE A VALUABLE PLATE
OH, YOU TWO HAVE A LOOK TOO
IS WHAT YOU ARE RIGHT NOW
THIS PLATE ...

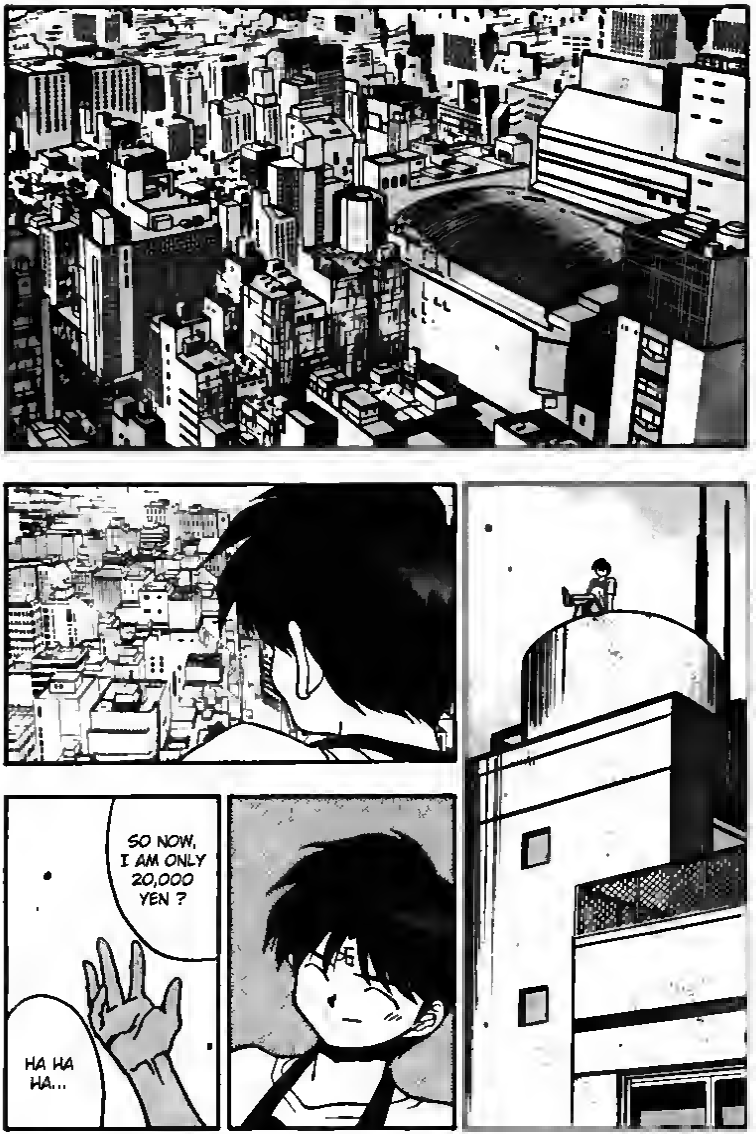
HOW MUCH DOES IT LOOK IT'LL COST ?
THIS PLATE
UM, NO IDEA ..


IT MUST BE INEXPENSIVE SINCE IT'S A METAPHOR FOR US
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S 20,000 YEN
RATS
AH, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT CHEAP

HO HO, YOU GET IT ?
YOU GET IT ?
NO ...


LOOK MORE CAREFULLY
THE UNDERSIDE IS CHIPPED

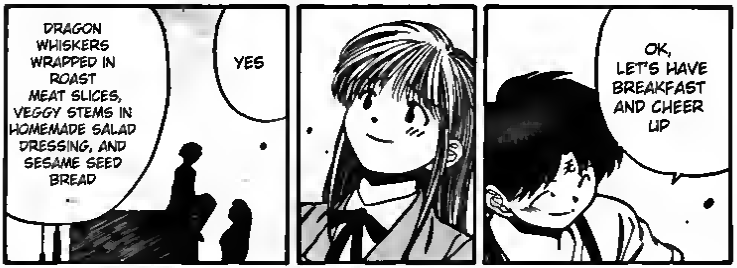
YES
FROM 2 MILLION ... TO 20K ?!
YUP
SO IT'S VERY CHEAP
ORIGINALLY IT WAS PRICED AT NOT LESS THAN 2 MILLION
2 MILLION ?!
IT STILL SERVES AS A PLATE,
AND THE DESIGN AT THE CENTRE IS STILL INTACT
ONLY THAT IT'S DAMAGED AT THE EDGE WHERE IT'S UNNOTICEABLE
BUT 20K IS PRECISELY 20K,
IT CAN NEVER CHANGE BACK TO 2 MILLION
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU FIGHT AGAINST THE FACT


SO NOW, I AM ONLY 20,000 YEN ?
HA HA HA...

BUT THIS PAIN ... HAS NOW BECOME A PART OF US ...
IT'S JUST ... THE PAIN. WE LOST HAAN ...
?
あはっ
HEY, WHAT'S UP, YAKUMO-SAN ?
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING ?
STILL WE DESPERATELY TRY TO RESTORE OUR HEARTS
WHAT A JOKE
BUT NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, THE PAIN WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR
WE ATTEMPT ALL MEANS OF AVENGING HAAN
WITH THAT IN MIND, THIS SERIES OF INCIDENTS CAN BE ANALYSED IN A FOCUSED MANNER
...
...
WHAT MY MIND SUBCONSCIOUSLY WANTS IS TO ESCAPE FROM THE ANGUISH
BUT ZOK IS PRECISELY ZOK

THOSE TWO DEMONS WERE JUST CHESS PIECES TO MAKE US STAY IN TOKYO
THAT'S WHAT THE INTERVENTION WAS FOR, THERE'S NO OTHER OBJECTIVE
AND THEN ?
CAME UP WITH ANYTHING ?
THAT SO ?
AT LEAST TO PREVENT US FROM SEARCHING FOR KAIYANWANG ...
THEN, THE STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN THE CAPITAL ARE ALSO DECOYS ?
THOSE TWO DEMONS CAME FOR US, THAT'S FOR SURE ...
BUT THE TRANSFOR-MATIONS ... I'M NOT SURE ...
THAT'S NOT CERTAIN

I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH THAT OJI-SAN FROM THE KOUSEISHOU
UNDERSTOOD, I'LL APPROACH THAT POLICEMAN MYSELF...
I DON'T KNOW
COULD IT BE IT'S HAPPENING WORLDWIDE ?


DRAGON WHISKERS WRAPPED IN ROAST MEAT SLICES, VEGGY STEMS IN HOMEMADE SALAD DRESSING, AND SESAME SEED BREAD
YES
OK, LET'S HAVE BREAKFAST AND CHEER UP

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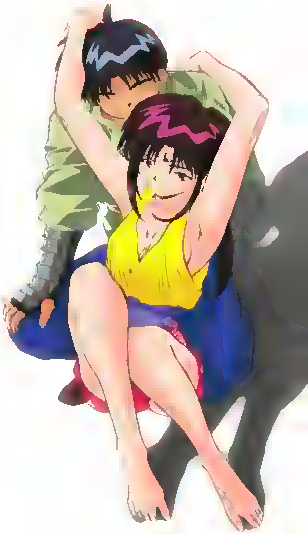

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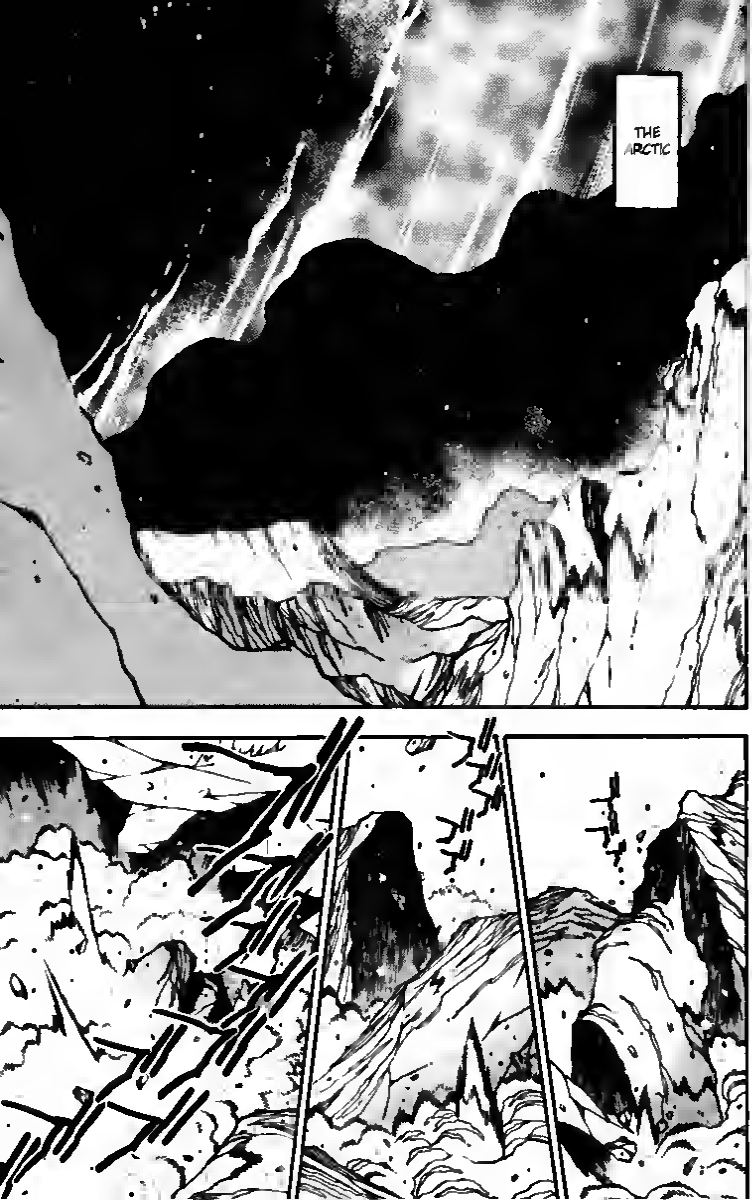
THE DEMONS' SCHEME


THE ARCTIC

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BENARES-SAMA,
KAIYANWANG-SAMA SUMMONS YOU

YOU SENT FOR ME ?
KAIYANWANG-SAMA

SHE APPEARED IN TOKYO ...
YES
I HEARD SOMEONE MADE CONTACT WITH PARVATI ... ?
MY LORD MAY BE UNAWARE,
IT IS A SMALL CITY ON A SMALL ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC REGION
OH
TO KEEP HER THERE
SO I DISPATCHED TWO OF YOUR DEMON GUARDIANS
TOKYO ... ?
TWO SMALL DETAILS MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE THAT
...
SHALL WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT STAGE ?
THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE FOR THE RECOVERY
OF YOUR SPIRIT IS GOING AS PLANNED

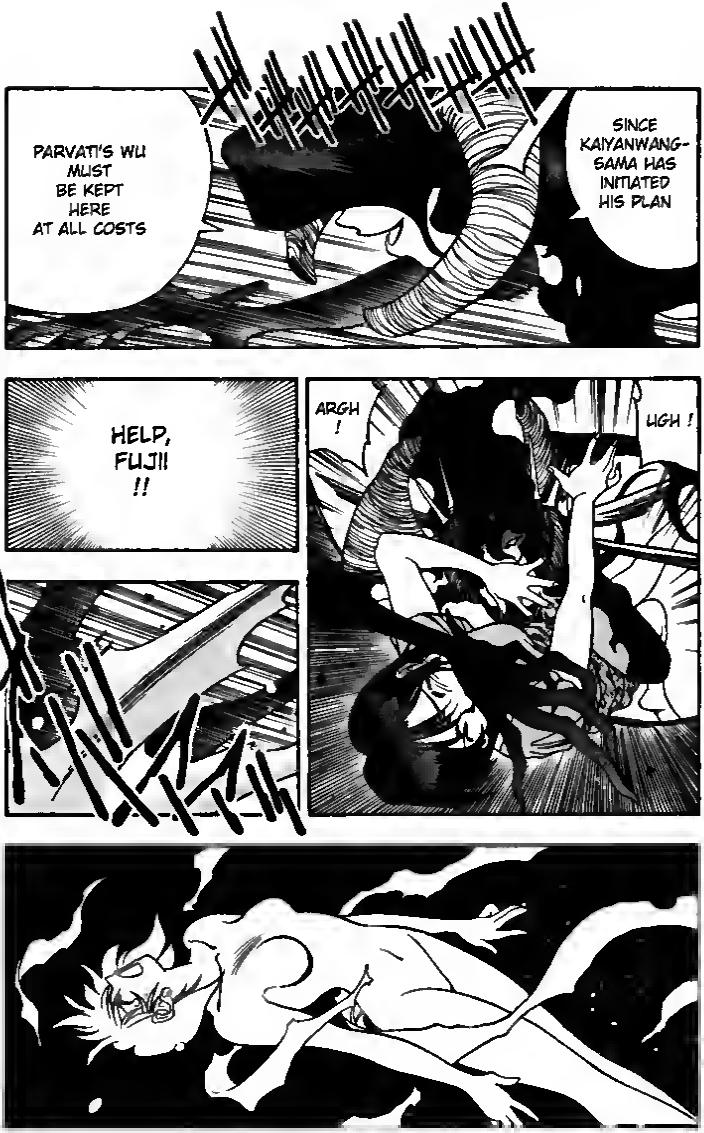
THEN, WHO WILL BE FIRST? USHASHU OR PARVATI?
IT WILL BE COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY ONCE MY LORD COMMANDS IT
I UNDERSTAND
BUT THERE'S NO TIME
USHASHU WILL BE FIRST
IN VIEW OF MY CONDITION,
I HOPED IT WOULD BE PARVATI
YES

HEY ... NATSUKO !! HERE, HERE !!
ITARU-GAWA !!

HOW'S IT ?
YOU MANAGED TO GET IN TOUCH ?
NO
THE ALUMNI LETTER WAS ALSO RETURNED UNOPENED
NO IDEA
REALLY
WHAT IS FUJII DOING NOW AND WHERE ?!
BUT REGARDING THE TV BROADCAST INCIDENT LAST MONTH
ISN'T HE LINKED TO IT ?
YEAH, WE TRY TO LINK ALL THE SURREAL INCIDENTS TO YAKUMO
THE MYSTERIOUS SPHERE THAT ATTACKED TOKYO !!
I THOUGHT THE SAME THING ABOUT
IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY

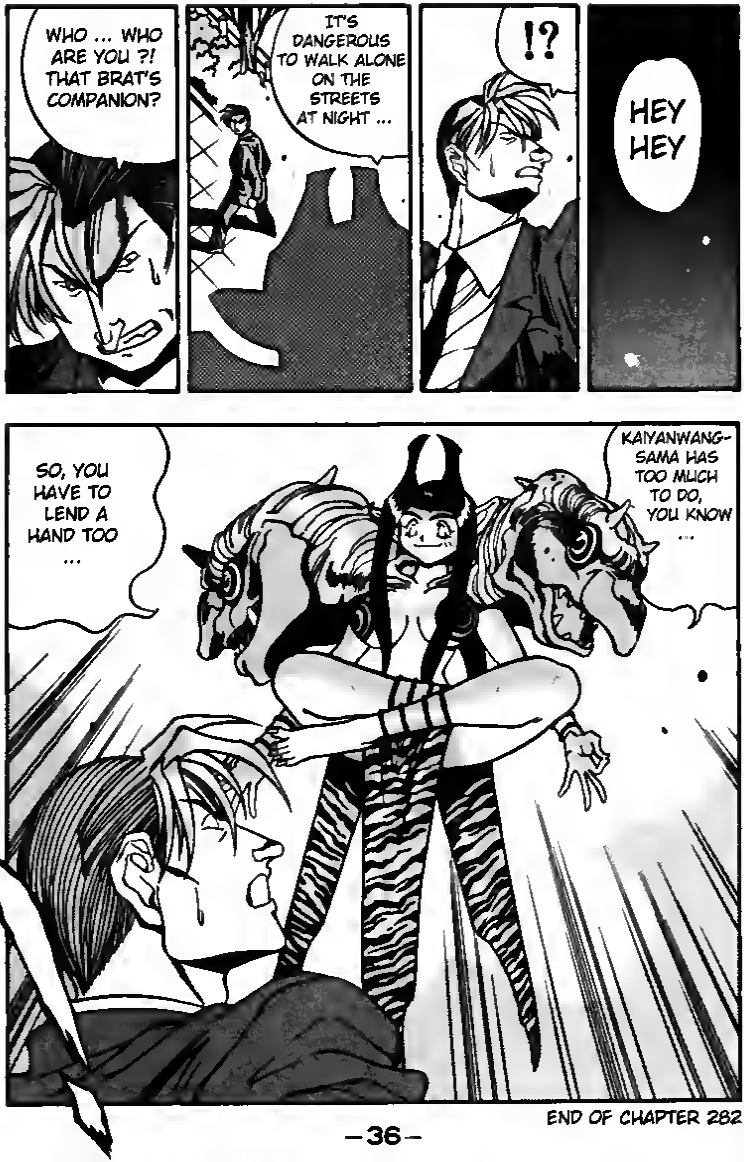
SO WE WON'T GET TO SEE HIM AGAIN AT THIS YEAR'S ALUMNI GATHERING ?
AISA NATSUKO
WHEW
REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM ...
REALLY
WANNA SEE YOU ! IDIOT !!

IF YOU WANT TO SEE HIM, THEN I SHALL GRANT YOUR WISH!
WHA-?


SINCE KAIYANWANG-SAMA HAS INITIATED HIS PLAN
PARVATI'S WU MUST BE KEPT HERE AT ALL COSTS
ARGH !
UGH !
HELP, FUJI!! !!

FUJII !!
SASATSUKA-KUN, YOU SAY YOUR TEAM IS THE BEST BUT I STILL DIDN'T SEE YOUR REPORT...
PRIME MINISTER TOOBUNE AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHIBUYA ARE ALSO VERY PERPLEXED
THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOO ?
DO I HAVE TO REMIND YOU... THE BROADCAST A FEW DAYS AGO
WAS RECEIVED ALL OVER THE WORLD

THESE INCIDENTS HAVE ALSO OCCURRED IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES
DON'T YOU UNDER STAND ?
THE US, UK, FRANCE, GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, RUSSIA, CHINA, KOREA — THEY HAVE ALL DISCREETLY APPROACHED US FOR DISCUSSIONS
ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES CONTACTED US
DISCREETLY ?
...
IT HAS SPREAD EVEN FURTHER
THE OTHER COUNTRIES


WHO ... WHO ARE YOU ?! THAT BRAT'S COMPANION?
IT'S DANGEROUS TO WALK ALONE ON THE STREETS AT NIGHT ...
!?
HEY HEY
SO, YOU HAVE TO LEND A HAND TOO ...
KAIYANWANG-SAMA HAS TOO MUCH TO DO, YOU KNOW ...

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WHO ARE YOU ?!
KAIYAN-WANG ?
WHO ON EARTH IS HE ?!
YOU ARE JUST A BAIT TO DRAW OUT PARVATI'S WU
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW
THEN WE SHALL SEAL HIM IN TOKYO
YA HA
USING ANY MEANS NECESSARY
WUARGH!!

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THE DEMONS' DELAYING TACTICS -I-

GUAAAARGH!!
YOU, YOU !!
URK
DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO APPEAR SO SOON ...
YOU ARE ...

I DIDN'T COUNT ON ANY ACTIVITY SO EARLY
THAT SHOULD BE MY LINE

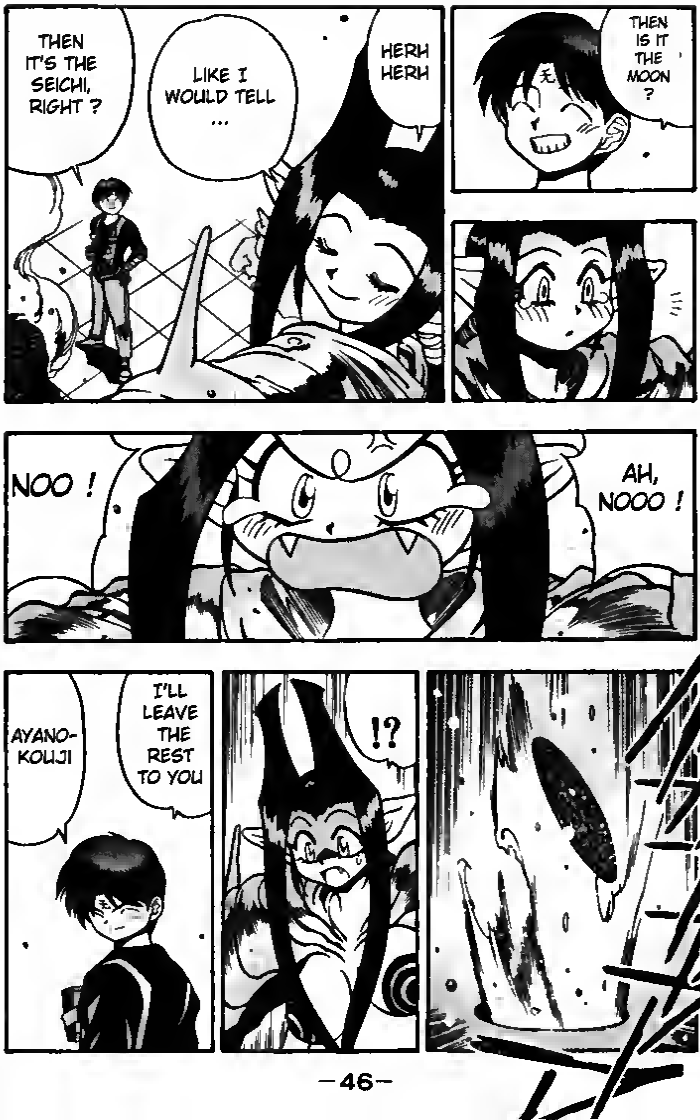
SHUT UP !!
STOP IT
I'LL HAVE TO HURT YOU
SILENCE !!
COME OUT, SHOU-RIN !!
!?

WAH
!
WOAH
!
THIS LEVEL OF ATTACK IS NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP ME HERE
!?
AH
!

BY THE WAY, WHERE IS HE HIDDEN ?
SO, KAIYANG-WANG IS MAKING HIS MOVE ?
GWOAR !!
FOOL !! I WON'T TELL YOU EVEN IF MY LIPS ARE TORN APART !!

THAT MEANS THAT HE'S NOT IN TOKYO
SINCE I'M TO BE KEPT HERE ...
IS THAT IT ?
THE SEICHI ?
!!

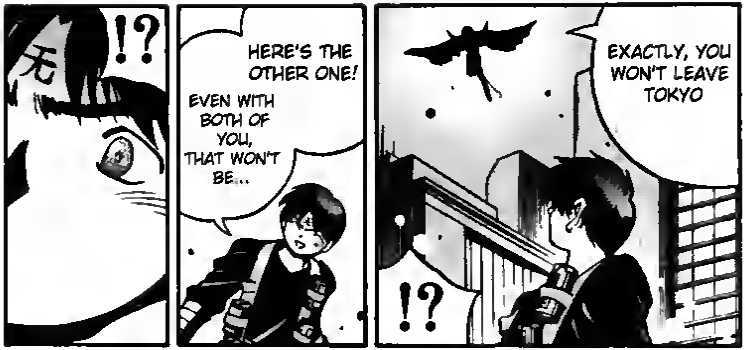
SO, IT'S THE SEICHI...
!?
WHAT A SURPRISE
I WASN'T EXPECTING SUCH AN HONEST REACTION
EH ...
WHY WOULD KAIYANWANG GO TO THE SEICHI ... ?
I DIDN'T SAY IT! I NEVER SAID IT WAS THE SEICHI ...
NO!!


THEN IT'S THE SEICHI, RIGHT ?
LIKE I WOULD TELL ...
HERH HERH
THEN IS IT THE MOON ?
NOO !
AH, NOOO !
AYANO-KOUJI
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU
!?

WAA-
YAYA
!
ROGER

ARE YOU HURT ?
YOU MADE ME LOSE FACE A FEW DAYS AGO, NOW YOU'LL PAY FOR IT
WUEEE
...
BUT WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE ?
NO, NO, I'M FINE
ANNIHILATE THE WORLD ?!
THE GOD OF DESTRUC-TION ?
SOMEONE NAMED THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION
IS PLANNING TO ANNIHILATE THE WORLD
WE ARE TRYING TO STOP HIM

IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT STRANGE DISEASE, TELL ME
SO IT'S HAPPENING WORLDWIDE ...
THOSE STRANGE TRANS-FORMATIONS OCCURRING ALL OVER THE WORLD ...
DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH THAT STRANGE DISEASE ?
LET'S CAPTURE HER FIRST ...
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS TOO
THEN I'LL GO CONFRONT THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION DIRECTLY
HUH ?
YOU CANNOT LEAVE TO GO TO THE SEICHI ?
EXCEPT THAT...
OK, I WILL
PLEASE, IF YOU FIND OUT THE DETAILS, LET ME KNOW



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IT ...
CAN'T BE

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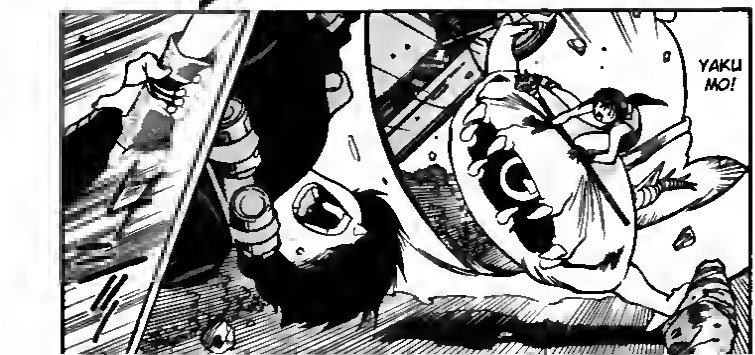
THE DEMONS' DELAYING TACTICS

HEH HEH
OH NO!!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO ATTACK ME!!
AYANO-KOUJI !!
WAA !!

HMP
WH-WHAT?!
!
PAI

OR PAI WILL GET MAD!
DO NOT CAUSE ANYMORE TROUBLE ..
LET'S GO
WAH-YAA, PARVATI!!
HUH?!
NA-NATSU-KO

WAA!
WAA!


YAKU MO!

INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THEM, YOU SHOULD GO TO THE SEICHI ...
NO, YAKUMO-SAN !!
YA-, YAKUMO-SAN !
SORRY, TAKE CARE OF THE REST

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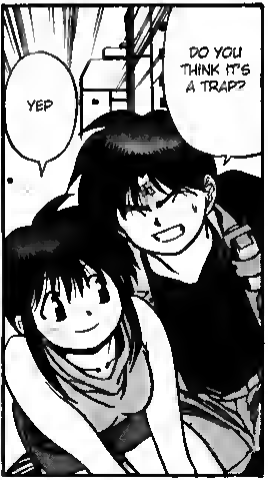
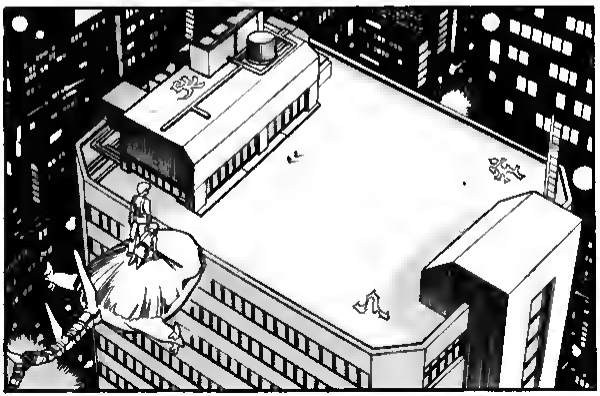
BUT


DO YOU THINK IT'S A TRAP?
YEP

AHH
AS LONG AS IT GIVES YAKUMO A PEACE OF MIND

YAKUMO, OVER THERE



THE BARRIER HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVATED. BUT IT MUST BE FOR SEALING YAKUMO WITHIN
THE COMPLEX HAS BEEN MARKED WITH SIGILS FOR A BARRIER
SO THAT'S IT, I GET IT NOW THAT I SEE THE BARRIER
YOU'RE NOT THE REAL NATSUKO
IT'S A PITY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE HERE
YOU'VE COME FUJII

YAKUMO WAS TOO FAST FOR YOU, SO YOU IMPERSONATED NATSUKO AND LURED US HERE
THAT'S RIGHT ILORA, IS IT ?
HEH HEH HEH HEH
HEH
DON'T STOP US IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT, WE WANT TO GO TO THE SEICHI
THIS MAKES THINGS EASIER
BINGO
HEH HEH

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE COMPLEX
I ALREADY TOLD YOU WE WON'T ALLOW YOU TO LEAVE
HUH ?!
LOOK CAREFULLY
YAKUMO
?!

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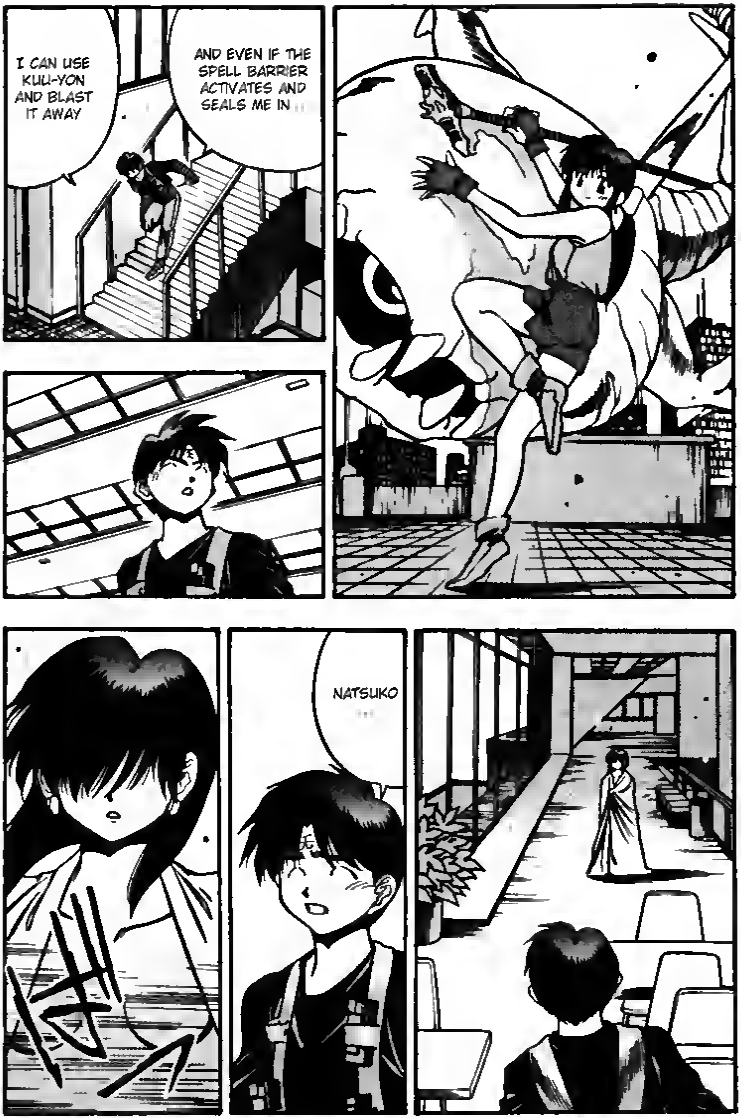
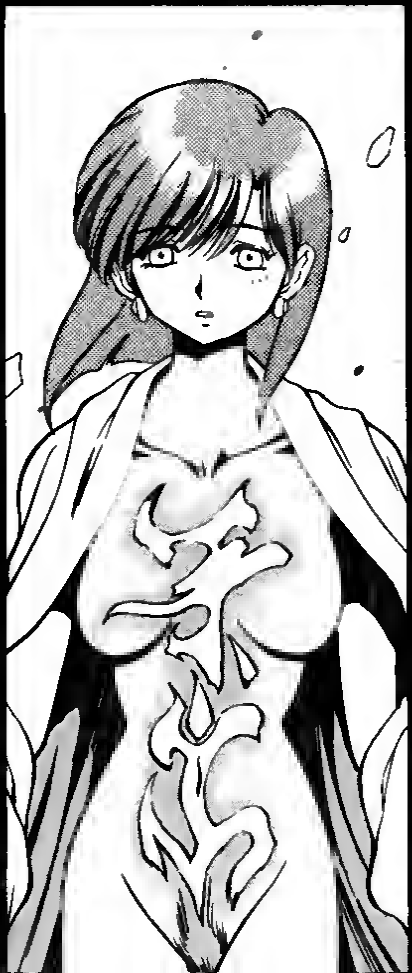
NATSUKO!
YAKUMO, WAIT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO?
THAT'S A TRAP!
I MAY AS WELL FALL INTO THE TRAP
RATHER THAN STANDING BY AND WATCHING NATSUKO DIE...
I DON'T CARE


I CAN USE KUU-YON AND BLAST IT AWAY
AND EVEN IF THE SPELL BARRIER ACTIVATES AND SEALS ME IN...
NATSUKO



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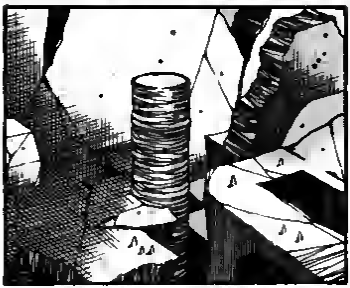
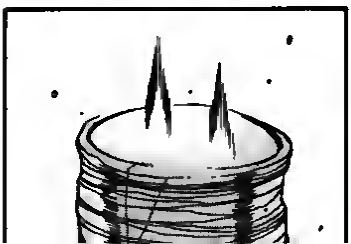
THE DEMONS' DELAYING TACTICS III





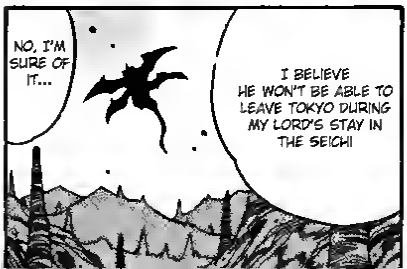
ALMOST COMPLETE
HOW GOES THE AWAKENING OF THE HOLY BEAST?
I LEAVE THIS MATTER IN YOUR HANDS, BENARES!
ROGER
I WANT TO GO TO AMARA
HAM, YABEL, COME WITH ME!
IT'S OUR HONOR
GLAD TO ACCOMPANY MY LORD

ANY NEWS ABOUT PARVATI'S WU?
IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS IF HE COMBINES FORCES WITH AMARA
YAKUMO FUJII HAS BEEN SEALED IN TOKYO

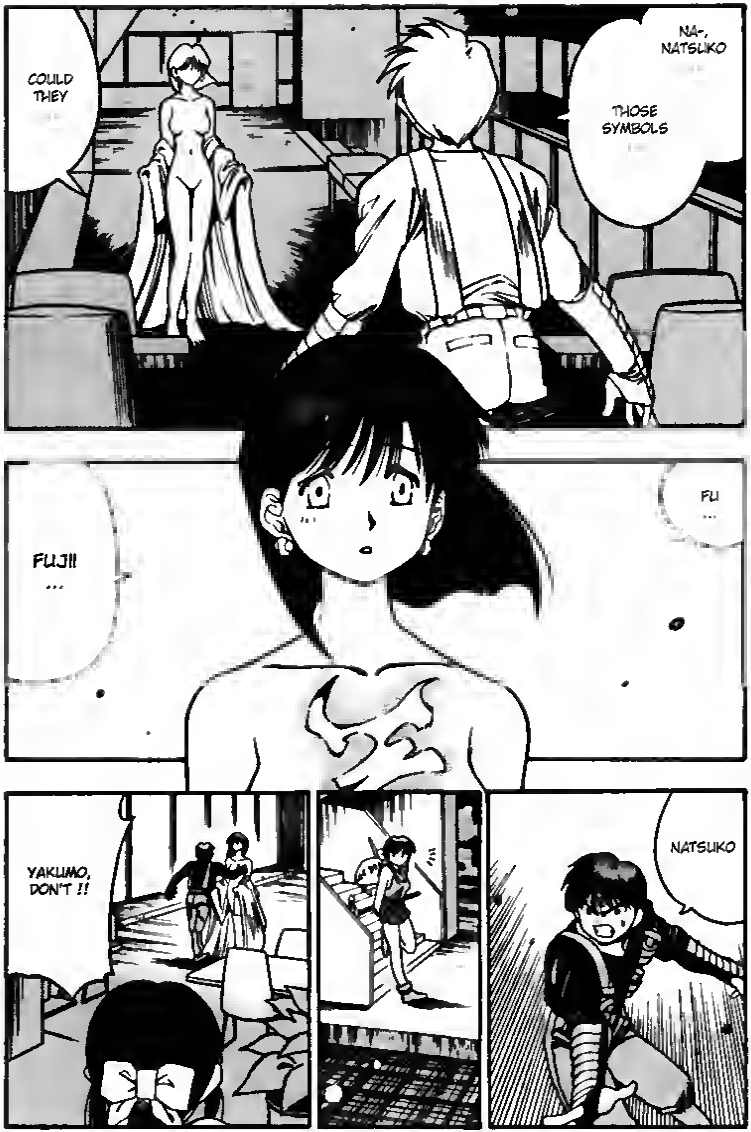
THE SPELL BARRIER ISN'T VERY POWERFUL
BUT I THINK HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH

YES
BUT HIS SENTIMENTALITY IS HIS WEAKNESS

A WU'S POWER IS LIMITLESS
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE IT, BENARES


I BELIEVE HE WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE TOKYO DURING MY LORD'S STAY IN THE SEICHI
NO, I'M SURE OF IT...

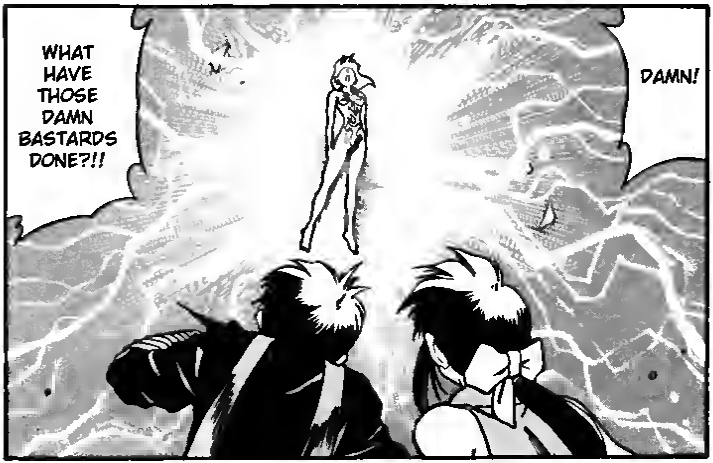
DEFINITELY NOT!

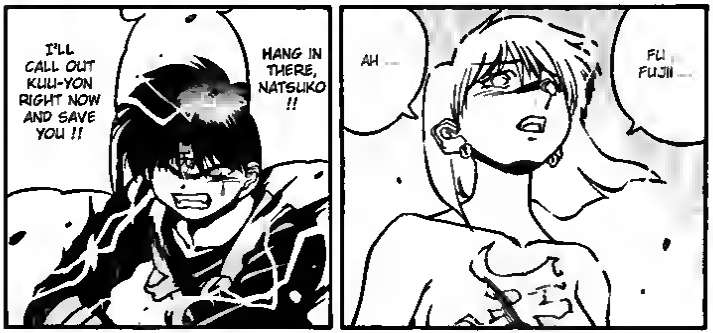

NA-, NATSUKO
THOSE SYMBOLS
COULD THEY
FU ...
FUJI!! ...
YAKUMO, DON'T !!
NATSUKO

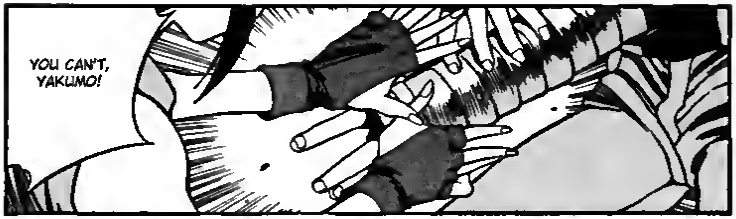
!!

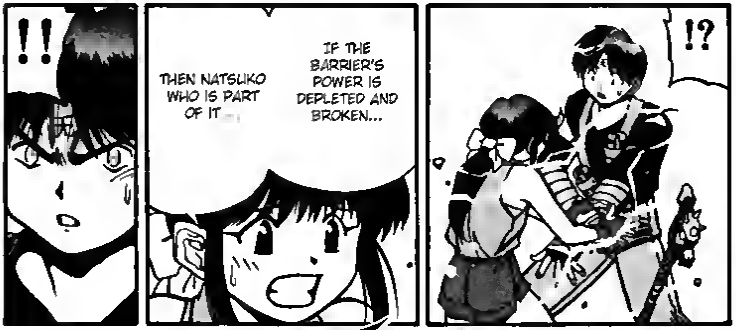
OH NO! THE SPELL BARRIER ACTIVATED !!
WAAA !

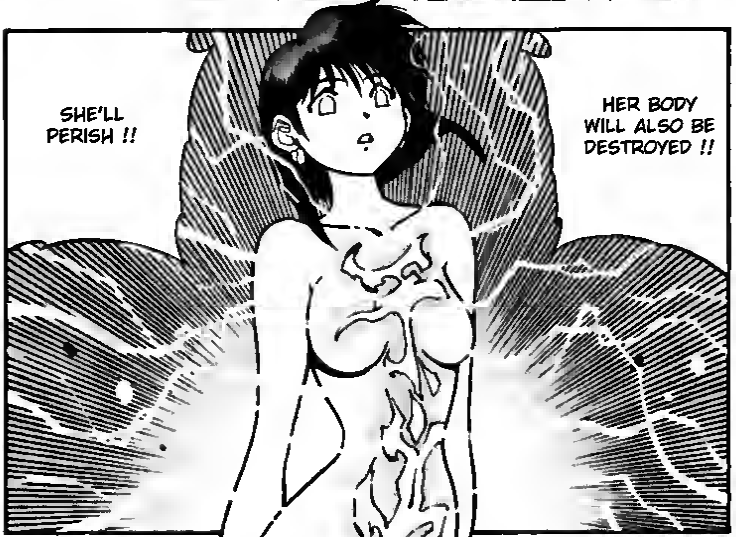
NATSUKO'S BECOME PART OF THE SPELL BARRIER
URK, WHAT HAPPENED ?!


WHAT HAVE THOSE DAMN BASTARDS DONE?!!
DAMN!


I'LL CALL OUT KUU-YON RIGHT NOW AND SAVE YOU !!
HANG IN THERE, NATSUKO !!
AH ...
FU FUJII ...







END OF CHAPTER 285

HOW... HOW COULD THIS BE?
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THIS BARRIER?
WITHOUT SACRIFICING NATSUKO...

WAA!!

Book 30, Story 6

Entering the Body

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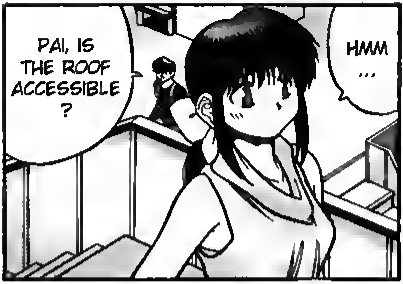
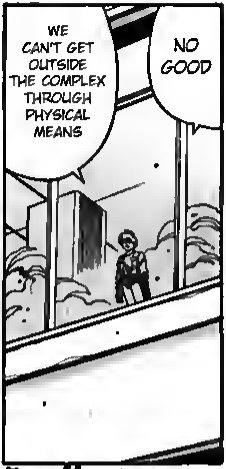
CLEANED BY MAXIME
TEXTING BY JACKAL
PROOFREADING BY BALTHAZAR

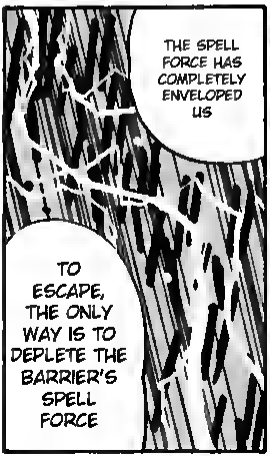
DID IT WORK ?


PAI, IS THE ROOF ACCESSIBLE ?
HMM ...

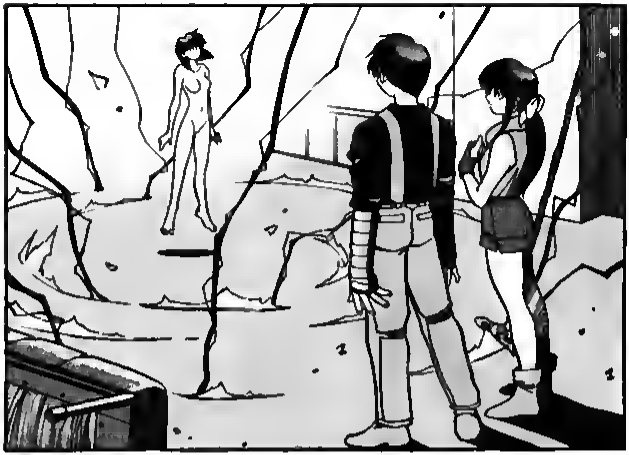

WE CAN'T GET OUTSIDE THE COMPLEX THROUGH PHYSICAL MEANS
NO GOOD

LOOK

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE, YAKUMO


THE SPELL FORCE HAS COMPLETELY ENVELOPED US
TO ESCAPE, THE ONLY WAY IS TO DEPLETE THE BARRIER'S SPELL FORCE

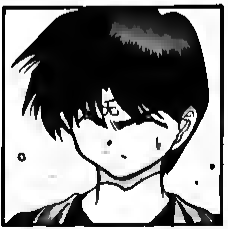
SO, WE ARE TRAPPED ...



IF ONLY WE COULD SEPARATE HER BODY AND THE SEAL ...

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ...
I WON'T SACRIFICE NATSUKO

SEP-ARAT ... THAT'S IT!



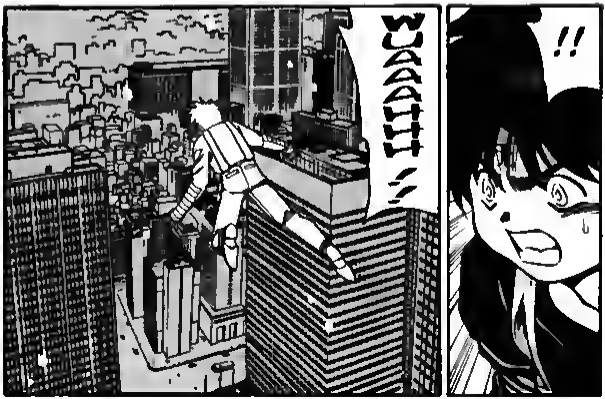
IF ONLY HAAN WAS HERE RIGHT NOW, HE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO ...
DAMN ...
EASIER SAID THAN DONE
DO YOU HEAR IT, YAKUMO ?
WHAT IS IT, PAI ?
I HEAR IT ...
NATSUKO IS CALLING OUT TO US
!?
NATSU-KO'S VOICE
HEAR WHAT ?

WAA!!
PAI!!
!?
FUJII, SAVE ME !!
IT'S DANGEROUS TO GET CLOSE
ARE YOU OK?

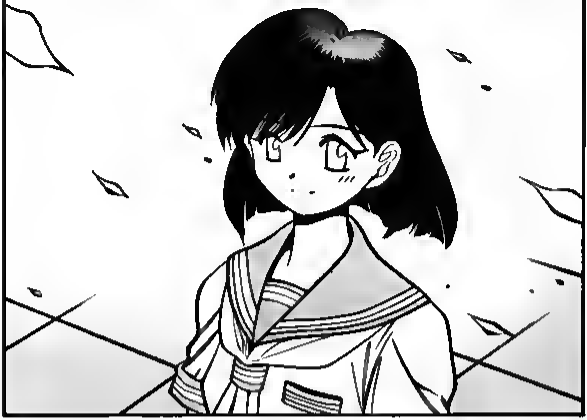
COME, FUJII, PAI-SAN !
THERE'S SOMETHING WITHIN MY BODY
I CAN'T GET RID OF IT ALONE
COME !
D.
JUST LIKE HOW YAKUMO MERGED WITH AMARA
PERHAPS BECOMING PART OF THE SEAL ..
HAS GIVEN NATSUKO SOME POWER
I'LL DO IT !!

YAKUMO !!
!?

YAKUMO !!


WAAHH!
!!

END OF "ENTERING THE BODY"



Book 30, Story 7
Natsuko's Heart

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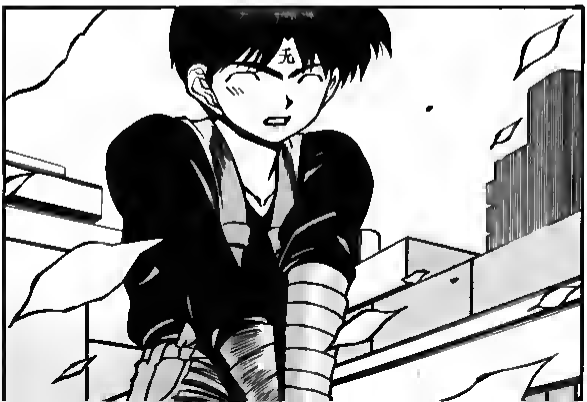


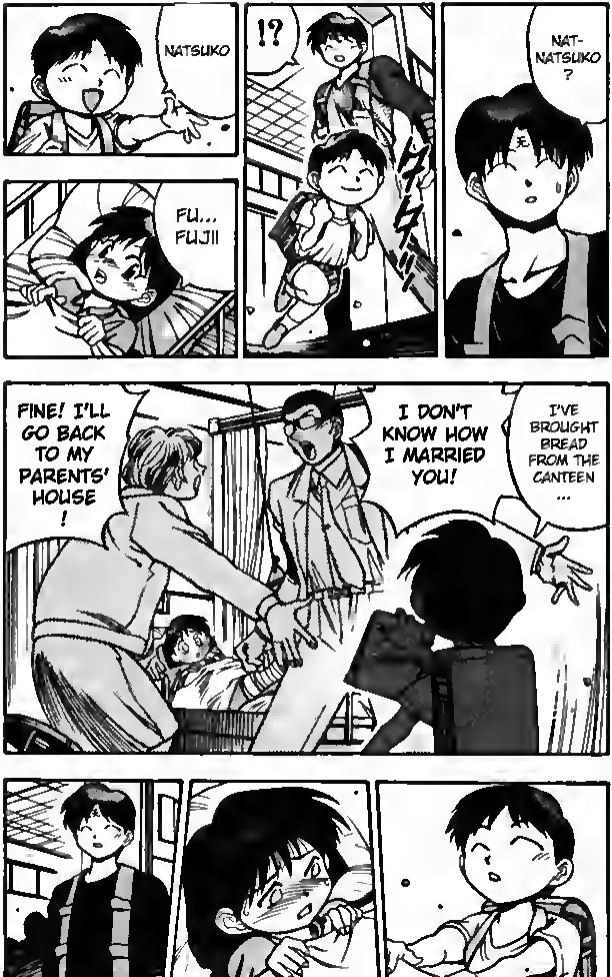
NA-TSUKO
HEE HEE
AHH, I WANTED TO SEE YOU SO MUCH, YAKUMO ...
UM UM, I'M SORRY
I'VE BEEN BUSY, SO I COULDN'T KEEP IN TOUCH...

IS THIS YOUR PSYCHIC WORLD? OR IS IT...
BECAUSE YOU'VE ENTERED MY BODY TO SAVE ME
IT'S OK, YOU'RE FORGIVEN
NAT-NATSUKO
LET'S TAKE A FERRY AND TRAVEL AROUND HOKKAIDO DURING THIS SUMMER VACATION
AH, LIH HEY
STOP THE CHATTERING, LET'S GO
HOW CAN IT BE BROKEN ?
WHERE IS THE SOURCE OF THE SPELL FORCE ?
I CAME TO SAVE YOU
W-WAIT ...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ? IF WE DON'T ESCAPE FROM THE BARRIER QUICKLY
IS IT SO IMPOR-TANT ...?
YOU WANT TO LEAVE MY BODY SO MUCH ?
IS THAT SO ?
THAT'S NOT THE POINT ..
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?
I HATE YOU

NA-TSUKO!
NAT...
!?
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?
THIS... WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
大戸島総合病院

YOU'RE NOT FIT TO BE A MOTHER !!
YOU WERE WITH HER, YET THIS HAPPENED !!
!
IT'S A FALL FROM THE BALCONY !! YOU CALL THAT JUST A MOMENT OF CARELESSNESS ?!
I DO TAKE CARE OF HER !
TAKING CARE OF HER CHILD IS THE MOTHER'S RESPONSIBILITY !
IT WAS JUST A MOMENT OF CARELESSNESS!
WHAT ABOUT YOU ?! WORK AND WORK! YOU'VE NEVER TAKEN CARE OF NATSUKO !!
AND YOU ?!
I'VE SAID THAT'S FOR WORK, DON'T GO OFF THE TOPIC!!
COMING BACK DRUNK EVERYDAY, PLAYING GOLF WHEN YOU'RE ON LEAVE ...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHY DON'T YOU HELP ?!

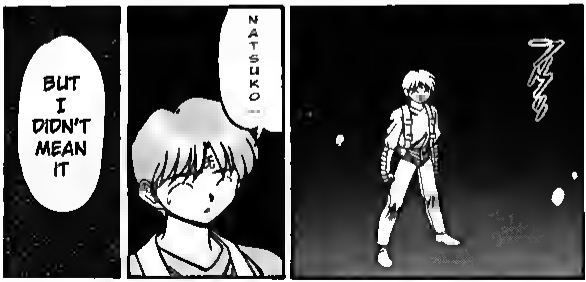

NATSUKO
!?
NAT-
NATSUKO
?
FU...
FUJII
FINE! I'LL GO BACK TO MY PARENTS' HOUSE !
I DON'T KNOW HOW I MARRIED YOU!
I'VE BROUGHT BREAD FROM THE CANTEEN ...

I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU !
I HATE YOU !!

GO AWAY !
LEAVE !

NA-TSUKO ...
...

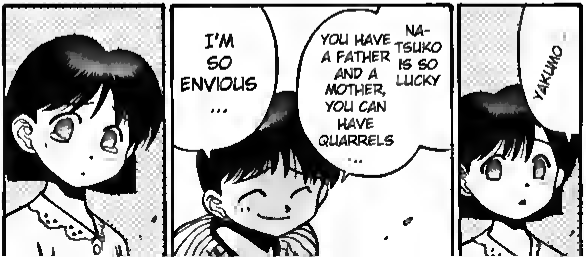
I HATE FUJII !!


BUT I DIDN'T MEAN IT
NATSUKO ...

!
DO YOU REMEMBER? YOU CAME BACK THE NEXT DAY ...
AT THAT TIME I WAS JUST EMBAR-RASSED

I MADE COOKIES
TO-TODAY IT'S NOT LUNCH BREAD ...

SO I KNOW HOW TO DO A LOT OF THINGS
I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER ...

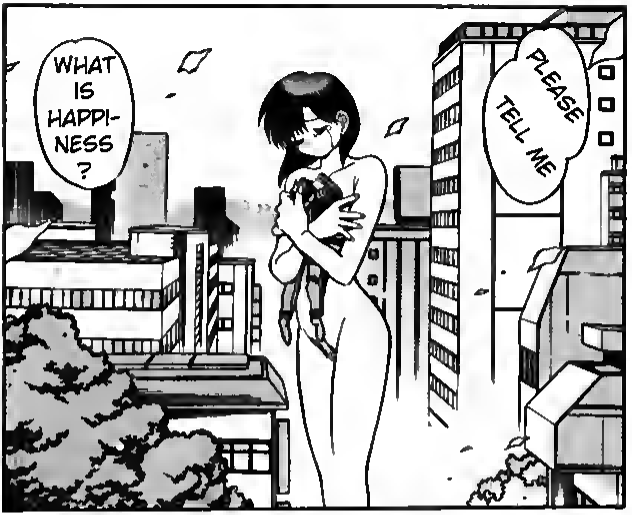

I'M SO ENVIOUS ...
YOU HAVE A FATHER AND A MOTHER, YOU CAN HAVE QUARRELS ...
NA-TSUKO IS SO LUCKY
YAKUMO

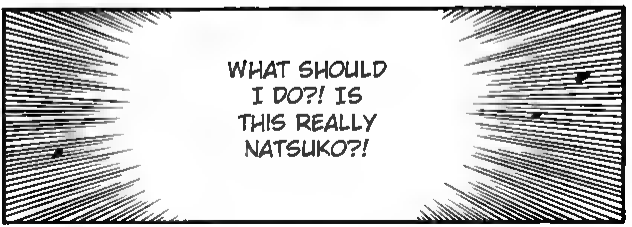
I DUNNO
BUT WE JUST HAVE TO TRY
DID I SAY SOMETHING BAD? I'M SORRY !!
WAH, WHAT-WHAT IS IT?
CAN I BE HAPPY SOMEDAY ?
AM I LUCKY ?
无
AND WHEN WE GROW UP, WE'LL BE HAPPY ...

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ?
UH
UM UM
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN
YOUR WORDS
THE TASTE OF THOSE UNAPPETIZING COOKIES
ALL OF IT
BECAUSE SINCE THAT DAY ...
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU

I'LL NEVER LET GO OF YOU AGAIN
NAT-NA-TSUKO ...
TH-THIS IS A CREEPY PLACE
IS THIS A TRAP? OR...

I'VE BEEN SO LONELY ...
WUH
ALL THIS TIME ...
EVEN AFTER I BECAME AN ADULT ...
NEVER FOUND HAPPI-NESS
I'VE NEVER FELT HAPPI-NESS





END OF "NATSUKO'S HEART"

SO YOU DIDN'T LIKE ME WHEN THEY WERE SMALL... WHAT ABOUT NOW?!
T- TITS...

SEICHI

HE'S HERE ...
USHASHU-SAMA
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, USHASHU ?
SHIVA ...

BOOK 30, STORY 8

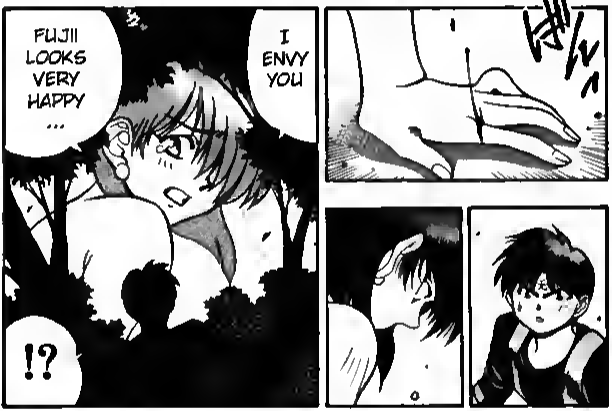
appearance of the heart

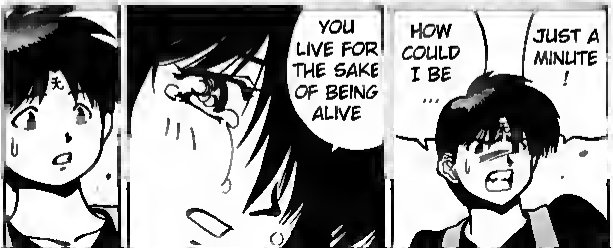
FUJII
PLEASE, ANSWER ME

WHAT IS HAPPINESS ?
CAREER? MONEY? LOVE? FRIENDSHIP? PEACE? FREEDOM?
I'VE OBTAINED MANY THINGS
BUT NO,
I WAS NEVER HAPPY
ALWAYS SAD ...

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MOMENTS OF JOY
IT DOESN'T LAST, MY HEART BECOMES LONELY AGAIN!!
MY HEART ISN'T CONTENT
WAAH!
CALM DOWN, NATSUKO!
I'M SORRY BUT..
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOU RIGHT NOW!
CALM DOWN, NAT-
CALM...
WAAH!

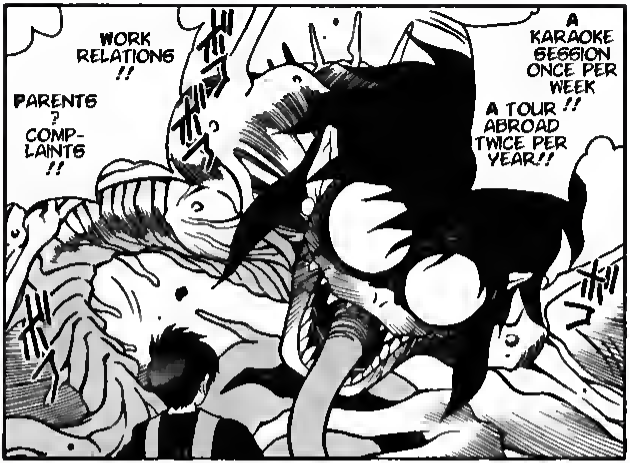
BUT IN ORDER TO BATTLE THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION I MUST ESCAPE THE BARRIER AND GO TO THE SEICHI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
NATSUKO, YOU MUST UNDER-STAND THIS
I DON'T DISLIKE YOU AT ALL

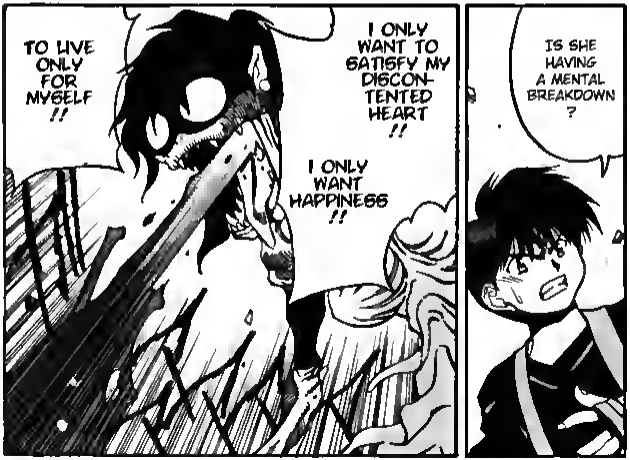

FUJII LOOKS VERY HAPPY ...
I ENVY YOU
!?

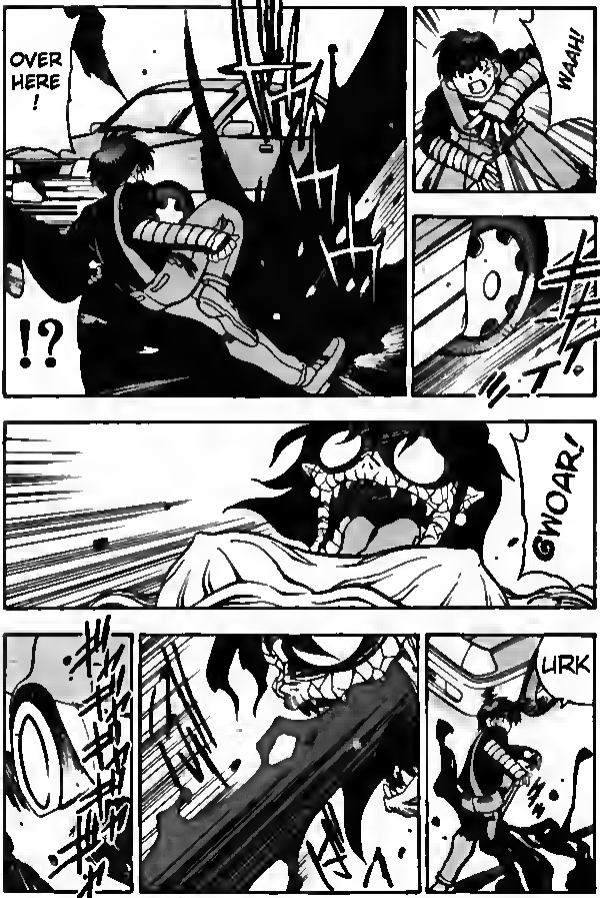

YOU LIVE FOR THE SAKE OF BEING ALIVE
HOW COULD I BE ...
JUST A MINUITE !

WAAHH!!
WHA-WHAT ON EARTH?!
ENVY...
ENVY...
ENVY!!

WHY DO I NOT FEEL SATISFIED NO MATTER WHAT I DO ?!
WHAT DO I LIVE FOR ?!
TO WORK FOR MONEY, FOLLOWED BY SLEEP. EVERYDAY IS THE SAME!
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE ?!
NAT-NA-TSUKO


WORK RELATIONS !!
PARENTS ? COMP-LAINTS !!
A KARAOKE SESSION ONCE PER WEEK
A TOUR !! ABROAD TWICE PER YEAR!!


TO LIVE ONLY FOR MYSELF !!
I ONLY WANT TO SATISFY MY DISCON-TENTED HEART !!
I ONLY WANT HAPPINESS !!
IS SHE HAVING A MENTAL BREAKDOWN ?


OVER HERE!
!?
WAAH!
GWOAR!
URK

NATSUKO ?!

I'M ... I'M SAVED ...

GWOAR
THEN THAT MONSTER IS ...?

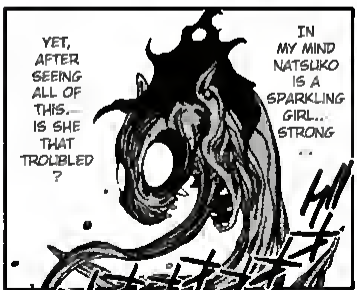
THAT'S ME TOO
DON'T GET CONFUSED
TO BE PRECISE, THIS IS AISA NATSUKO'S INNER WORLD ...
THAT MONSTER AND I ARE BOTH AISA NATSUKO'S PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIFESTATIONS
WHAT'S ...
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT ?
UM ...
BOTH YOU AND THAT MONSTER ARE NATSUKO ?
THIS MAY BE HARD TO UNDER-STAND ...
BUT THERE'S NO ONE WHOSE HEART IS STABLE AND UNCHANGING
PEOPLE'S HEARTS ALWAYS HAVE MANY APPEAR-ANCES

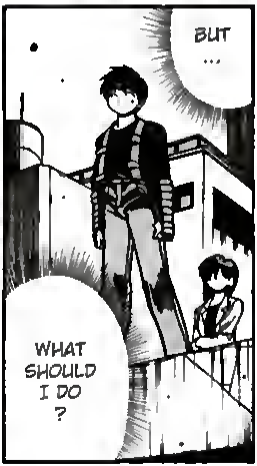
END OF
"APPEARANCE OF THE HEART"

DESTROY THE SOURCE OF THE SPELL FORCE ...
THE BARRIER WILL DISAPPEAR AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE
BUT
IF YOU CAN... TRY TO AVOID DESTROYING ME, I MEAN ANY OF MY MANIFES-TATIONS
ALTHOUGH MY HEART POSSESSES MANY MANIFES-TATIONS BUT IF ONE IS GONE
MY HEART WILL LOSE ITS BALANCE, AND MY MIND WILL BECOME BROKEN
无
SO THAT MEANS IT'S RISKY FOR YOU ?
RIGHT
IF IT'S NOT HANDLED PROPERLY, I'LL BECOME A ZOMBIE ...
PLEASE, YOU MUST ACT CAREFULLY
. . . .

BOOK 30, STORY 9
CONFUSION

I WOULD HAVE TO REALLY KNOW NATSUKO FIRST ...
HOW TO FIND OUT THE INTRUDER

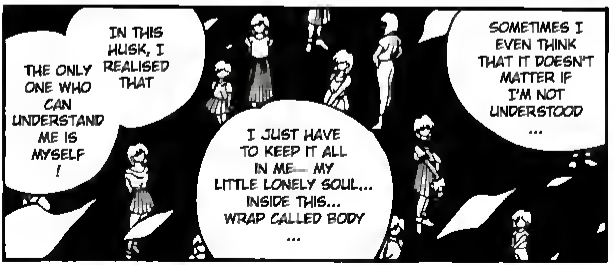

YET, AFTER SEEING ALL OF THIS... IS SHE THAT TROUBLED ?
IN MY MIND NATSUKO IS A SPARKLING GIRL.. STRONG ..


BUT ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO ?

DON'T DESPAIR
I COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND NATSUKO'S TRUE HEART
NO! I DON'T KNOW
WE HAVE ONLY YOU
WE ALL LIKE FUJII
THAT MAY BE A STUPID DREAM
BUT WE'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT WE'LL BE HAPPY IF WE'RE WITH YOU

!

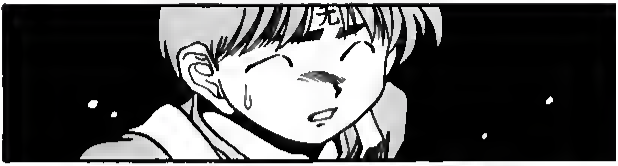
I UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE WE ARE LONELY ...
EVEN THOUGH THE ONE I LIKE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ME
ISN'T THAT HAPPINESS ?
BECAUSE I FEEL GOOD WHEN I'M WITH YOU ...


THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND ME IS MYSELF !
IN THIS HUSK, I REALISED THAT
I JUST HAVE TO KEEP IT ALL IN ME— MY LITTLE LONELY SOUL... INSIDE THIS... WRAP CALLED BODY ...
SOMETIMES I EVEN THINK THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I'M NOT UNDERSTOOD ...

SO, I'M ALL ALONE .. IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS VOID ..
I'LL BE ALONE HERE TILL THE END ... TILL I DIE ...
WHY CAN'T WE PERCEIVE OTHER PEOPLE'S HEARTS
WE JUST SEE THE OUTWARD APPEARANCES AND IT'S ALL WE CAN SHARE ...
NO ONE CAN UNDERSTAND YOU ?
YOU MEAN ...
JUST AS YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND ANYONE'S HEART ...
OTHERS ONLY SEE MY COVER
YES

THE REAL ME WHO CAN'T EXPRESS ITSELF PROPERLY THROUGH THAT SHELL
THE REAL ME IS INSIDE A SHELL
AND HE SHOULD BE THE ONE I LOVE
THE TRUE ME ...
BUT YEARNS FOR ANOTHER PERSON WHO SEES THE REAL ME
THE DELIGHT OF BEING TOGETHER AND SHARING EVERYTHING ...
EVEN IF THAT IS THE HAPPINES ...
NO ONE ...
BUT, NO ONE CAN ...

EVERYONE LIVES IN HIS HUSK TILL DEATH
WE ARE ALONE ...
NOBODY CAN UNDERSTAND ANOTHER'S HEART
BUT NEVERMIND, THAT'S THE WAY LIFE IS ...
HAPPINESS IS JUST A UTOPIA
SINCE MUTUAL UNDER-STANDING IS IMPOS-SIBLE
I WOULD LIKE TO BE WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN BRING PEACE TO MY HEART
TO FEEL AS IF I WAS UNDERSTOOD ...
IT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY EVEN IF IT'S NOT MUCH
NAT-NATSUKO ...
PLEASE ...
GIVE ME HAPPINESS
YAKUMO



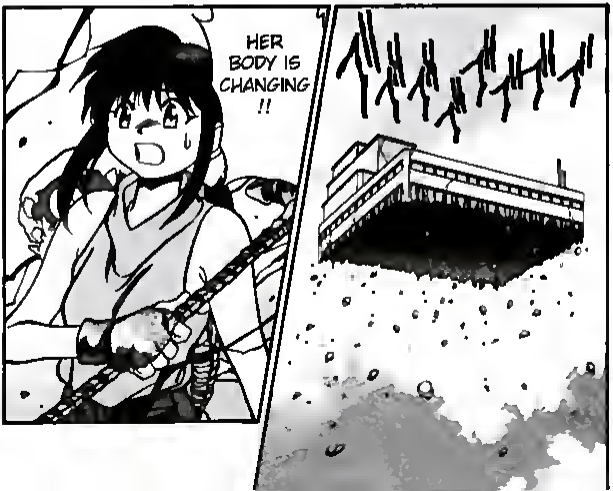
THIS IS ... DIF-FICULT
I REALLY DON'T KNOW ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO ?!

!?
FUJII-KUN !

IS THERE REALLY A FAKE AMONG THESE MANIFESTATIONS ?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY ARE REAL AT ALL !

FUJII-KUN
FUJII-KUN
FUJII-KUN
FUJII-KUN
!?
YAKUMO!!
WOA...
SHI-!
UH...

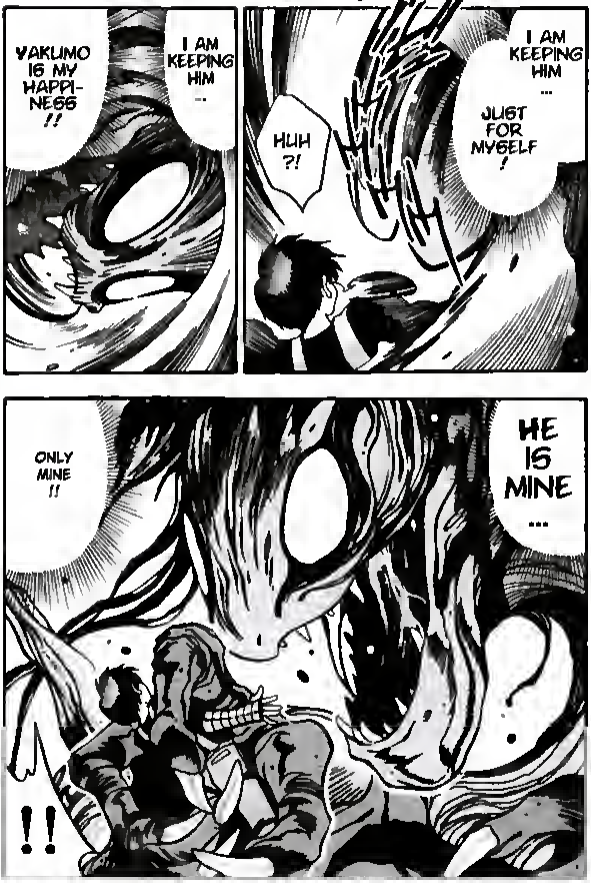
PAI
...
YAKUMO, HURRY!! NATSUKO'S BODY !!


HER BODY IS CHANGING !!

IF THE SPELL FORCE ISN'T CUT OFF SOON ...
HER BODY WILL BE IRREVERSIBLY DAMAGED BY THE SPELL FORCE

OK, YAKUMO !
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ...
EVEN SO THERE'S NO WAY TO FIND THE SPELL FORCE SOURCE !!

HERE I COME !!
!?



END OF "CONFUSION"

YAKUMO!
NO ONE ELSE WILL HAVE HIM !!
GWOAR!
PA!

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YAKUMO'S IDEALS

BY BALTHAZAR
TRANSLATED BY KUYON
EDITED BY JACKAL
PROOFREAD BY BALTHAZAR

ST-STOP IT, NATSUKO !!

GWAAAAR!
PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU, STOP IT, NAT-
WAA!
KAH KAH KAH KAH KAH
UNFORGIVABLE
UNFORGIVABLE
EVERY-THING IN THIS WORLD
EVERYTHING IS MAKING FUN OF THE REAL ME INSIDE MY HUSK
...
THEN JUST DISAP-PEAR!
IT WILL BE BETTER IF EVERY-THING DIES

STOP IT NATSUKO, PLEASE !!
THE NATSUKO I KNOW DOESN'T HAVE SUCH A HIDEOUS HEART
THAT'S THE NATSUKO I LIKE !!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND ?!
WHAT A JOKE !!
SHE ALWAYS THINKS OF OTHERS, AND IS VERY GENTLE ...
SHE IS HONEST... LIVELY... CHEERFUL ...

THIS IS THE REAL ME!
THE REAL ME IS THE ONE WITH THE HIDEOUS HEART!
THE NATSUKO YOU LIKE IS THE ONE I PORTRAY ON THE OUTSIDE
IT'S JUST YOUR IDEAL NATSUKO!!
YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO GIVE ME HAPPINESS
THEN DON'T FORCE YOUR IDEALS ONTO ME!!
!!
NO! THAT'S NOT TRUE!
NATSUKO IS REALLY A KIND-HEARTED GIRL...

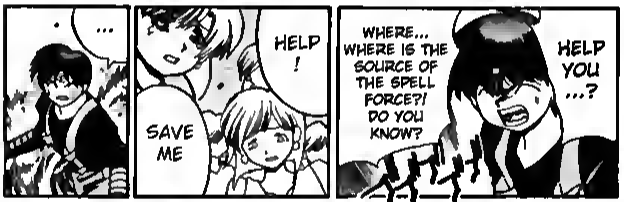
WAA !!
NAT-
AAH !!

GYAUUU!!
YOU OK, YAKUMO ?
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE
WHAT ?!
NATSUKO ... IS NOT ...
YAKUMO!
NATSUKO IS NOT LIKE THAT !

!?
HUH ?!
WAH !!

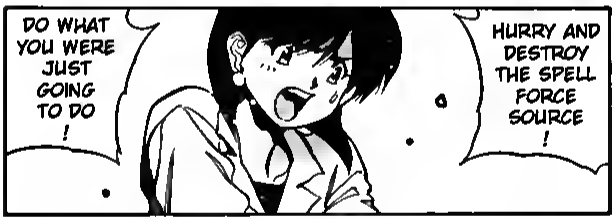
UH ARH ...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
WE HAVE TO FIND THE SOURCE AND DESTROY IT QUICKLY !!
NATSUKO'S BODY IS STARTING TO BREAK DOWN !!
HOW COULD THIS BE ...?

SAVE ME
SAVE ME
SAVE ME
SAVE ME
!!

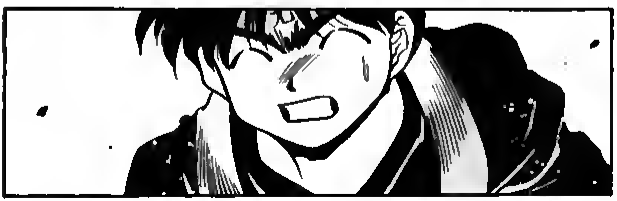

...
HELP!
SAVE ME
WHERE... WHERE IS THE SOURCE OF THE SPELL FORCE?! DO YOU KNOW?
HELP YOU...?

!?

HURRY, FUJII !!
!!
PAI !
HOLD TIGHT !
WAAAHH!!


DO WHAT YOU WERE JUST GOING TO DO !
HURRY AND DESTROY THE SPELL FORCE SOURCE !

YOU TOLD ME YOURSELF THAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE...
NO !!
I STILL CAN'T DISTINGUISH THE SOURCE !



END OF "YAKUMO'S IDEALS"

DESTROY US ALL ...
YES, ALL OF US ...
THEN THE INTRUDER WILL DEFINITELY BE DESTROYED !!
STOP THIS NONSENSE! IF I DO THAT, YOU'LL ...

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Detached I
IF I CAN SAVE YOU ...
THEN IT'S FINE FOR ME ...

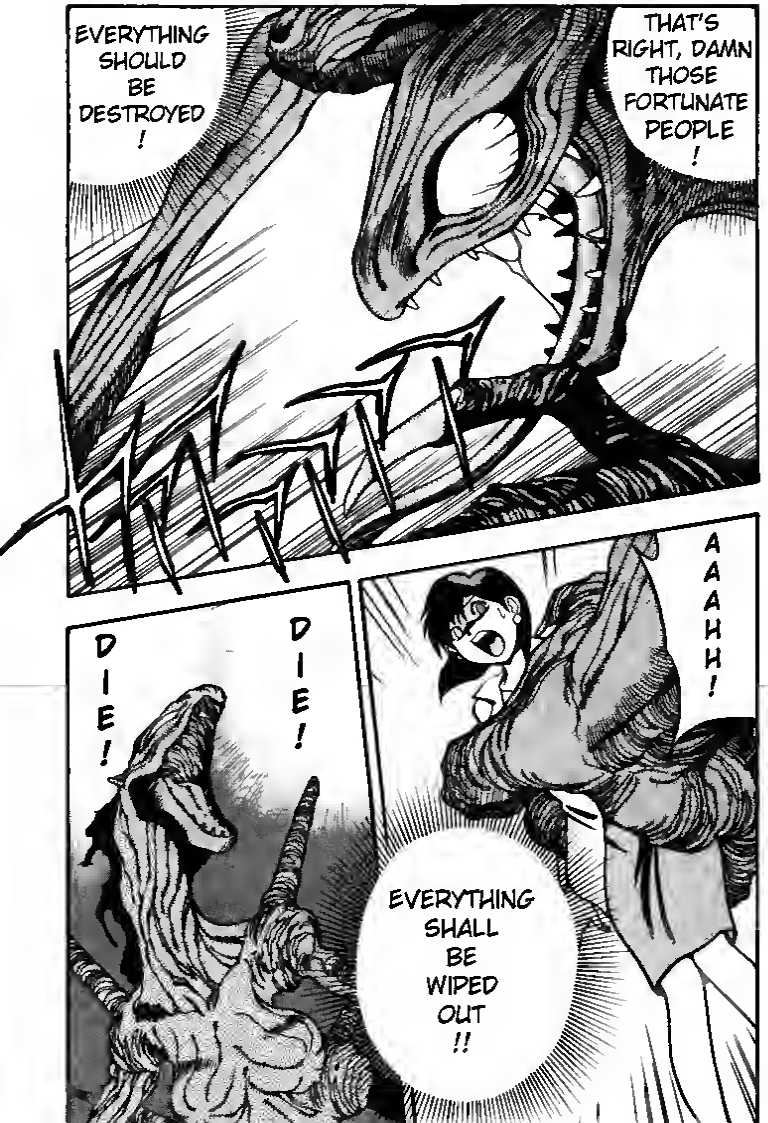
RHH!
AT ANY RATE, MY BODY WILL DISINTE-GRATE!
PLEASE, YAKUMO! I WOULD PREFER TO DIE IN YOUR HANDS!
NO!
I CAN'T DO THIS...
ARH!

I CAN'T DO THAT !
WHAT SHOULD I DO ?!
ALL I HAVE DONE HAS ONLY BROUGHT HER MISERY ...
MISERY ...
YA-YAKUMO ...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ? HURRY, YAKUMO !
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME !

!?
SPARE ME THOSE PRETTY WORDS !
WAA!

UH !
YAAA HHH !
PAI ! NAT-SUKO !
I WON'T LET YOU DECEIVE ME WITH THOSE PRETTY WORDS !
IF I AM TO DIE, FUJII MUST DIE TOGETHER WITH ME !
UN-FOR-GIV-ABLE !

BRINGING YAKUMO DOWN WITH US WILL NOT GET US HAPPINESS !!
WE ARE ALL LONELY ...
THESE ARE NOT PRETTY WORDS! THEY ARE THE TRUTH!
EVERY-THING TO BE DE-STROYED !
I WANT EVERY-ONE TO DIE !
GO TO HELL !
SHUT UP !


EVERYTHING SHOULD BE DESTROYED !
THAT'S RIGHT, DAMN THOSE FORTUNATE PEOPLE !
AAAHH!
DIE!
DIE!
EVERYTHING SHALL BE WIPED OUT !!

STOP IT, NAT-SUKO!
GWAA!
FU-FUJII, HURRY ...

DIE!
ANNIHILATE EVERYTHING!

END OF CHAPTER 6!!

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Detached II

BY FANS FOR FANS
NO PROFIT IN ANY WAY
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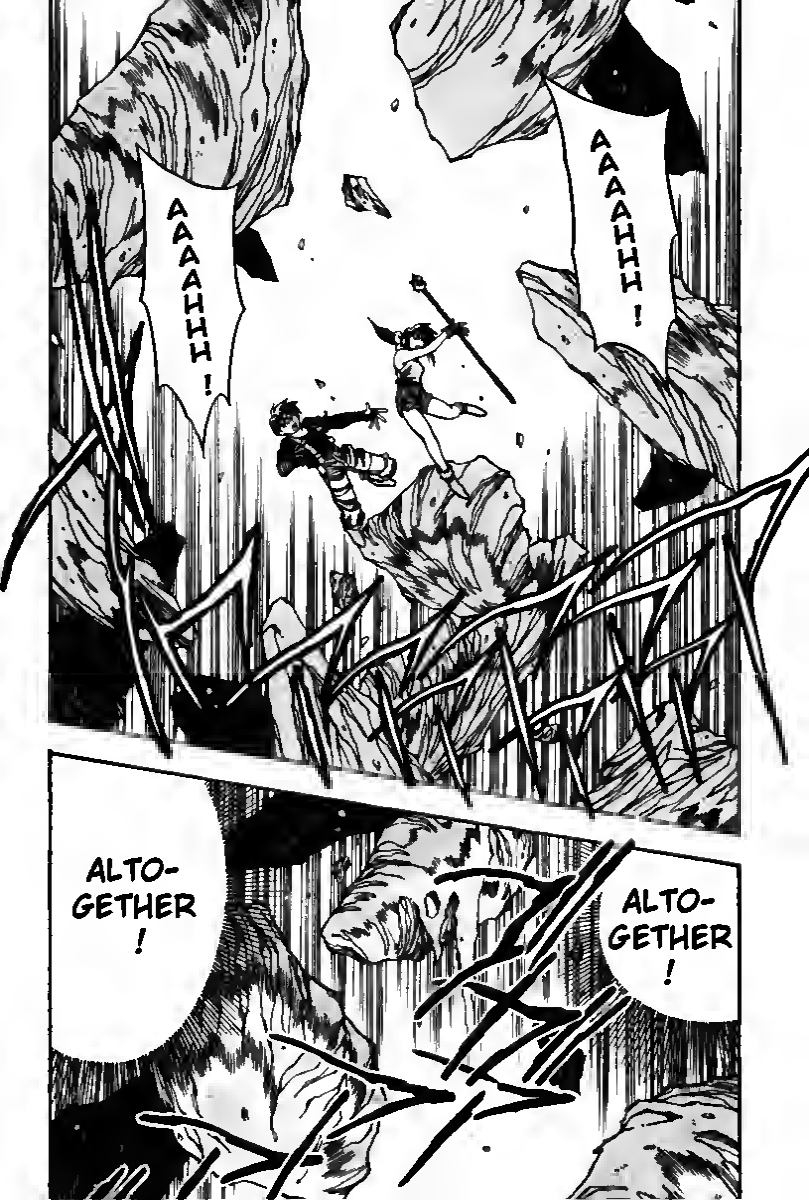
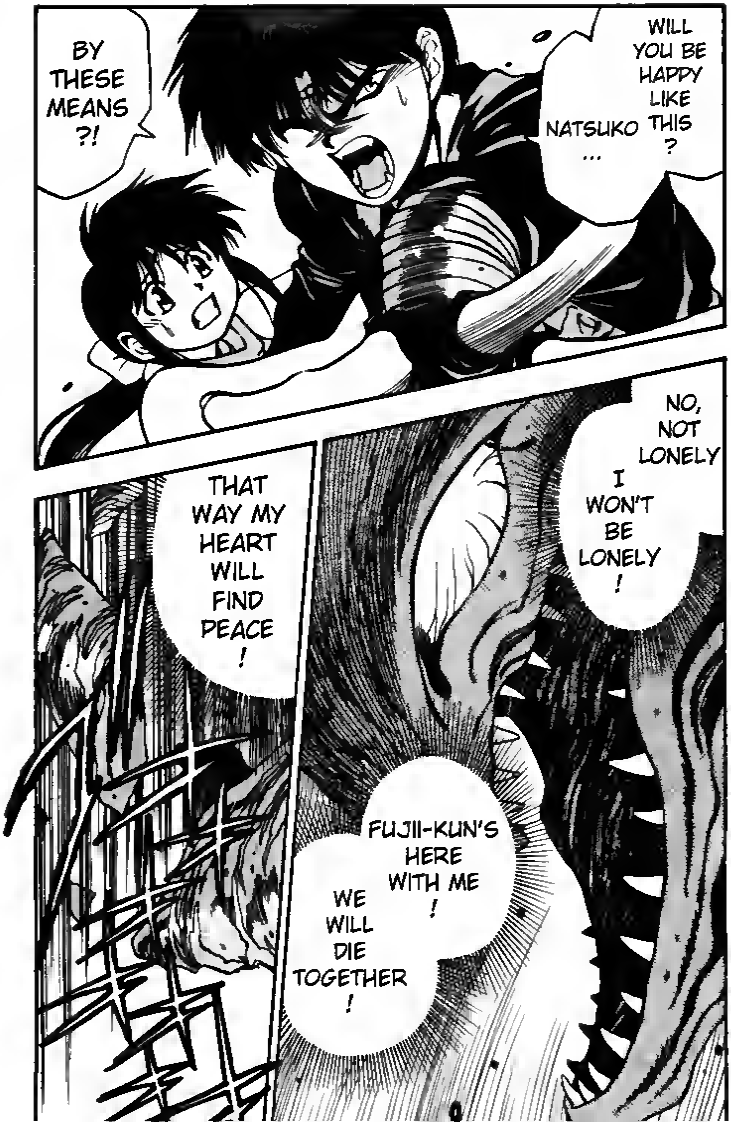
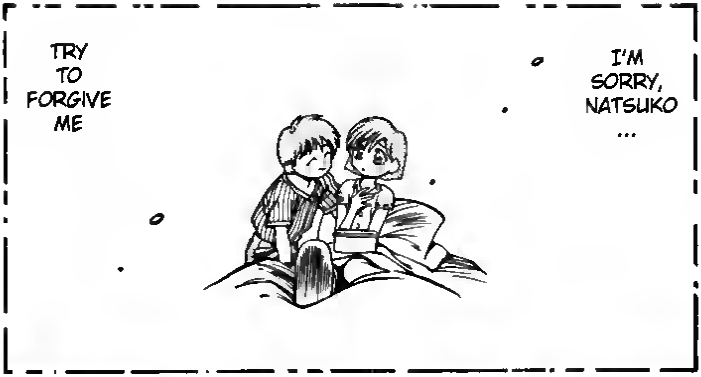

AAAAHHH!
AAAAHHH!
ALTO-GETHER!
ALTO-GETHER!

LET'S ALL DIE TOGETHER !
GWO RHHH!


BY THESE MEANS ?!
WILL YOU BE HAPPY LIKE THIS ?
NATSUKO ...
NO, NOT LONELY
I WON'T BE LONELY !
THAT WAY MY HEART WILL FIND PEACE !
FUJII-KUN'S HERE WITH ME !
WE WILL DIE TOGETHER !

YAKUMO
LET'S DIE TOGETHER

FUJII-KUN!
FUJII-KUN!
FUJII-KUN!
HU-HURRY, YAKUMO!
FU JII-KUN!
FUJII-KUN!
FUJII-KUN!


TRY TO FORGIVE ME
I'M SORRY, NATSUKO ...

I CAN'T DIE TOGETHER WITH NATSUKO
I WANT TO LIVE WITH PAI

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU

I HATE YOU! YAKUMO !!
I CAN'T KILL YOU, NATSUKO !
RUN, FUJII !
LOOK OUT !

END OF CHAPTER 292

NAT-
SUKO
!!
FU-
FUJII
!!

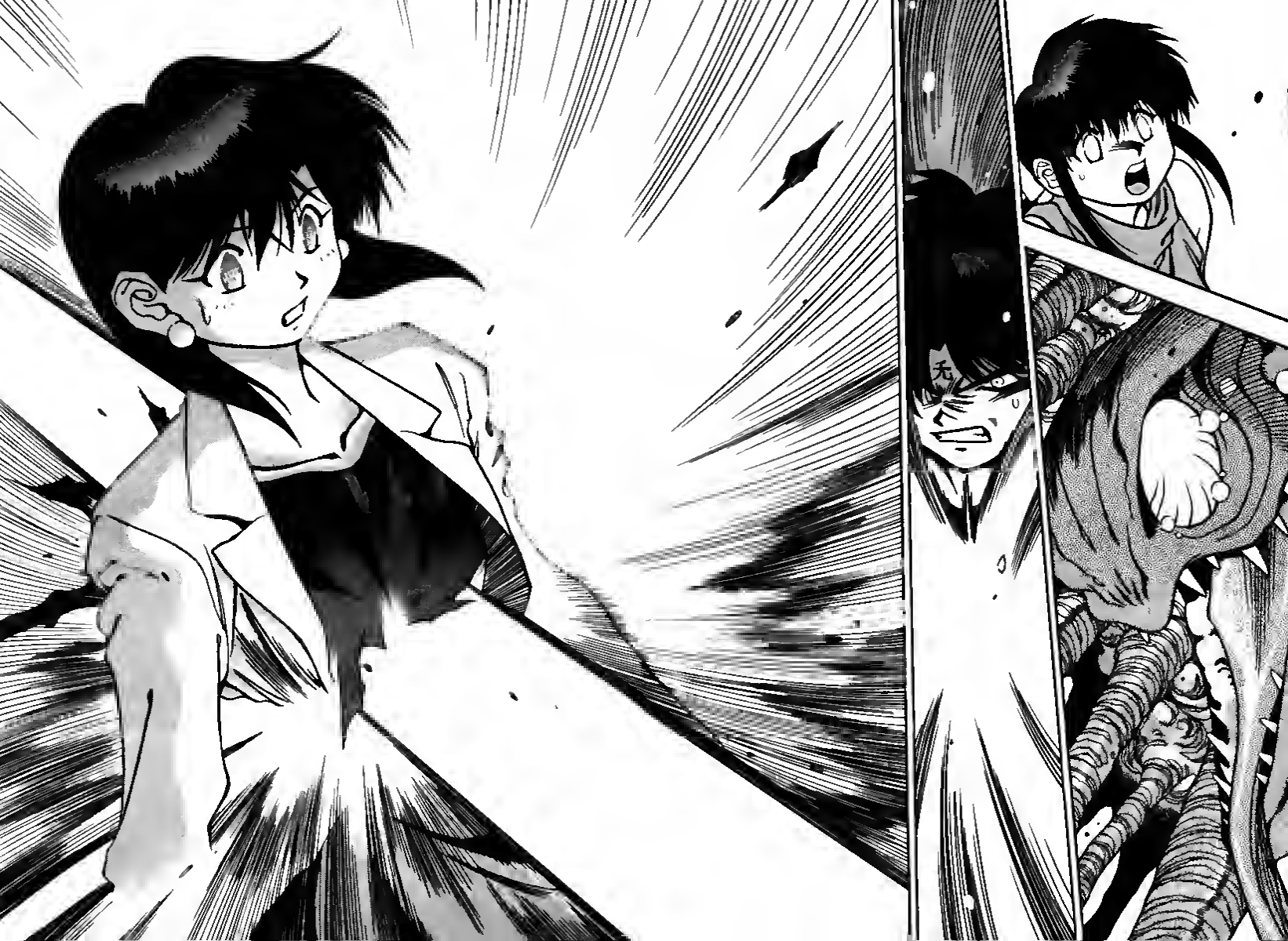
GWOAARRHH!!

BY FANS, FOR FANS
NO PROFIT IN ANYWAY
SAZANQUEST.CJB.NET

!?

DID PARVATI AND HER WU NULLIFY THE SPELL FORCE ?
IMPOS-SIBLE !
NO WAY THAT PUNK COULD DESTROY THAT NATSUKO !
W-WHAT ?
WHAT'S HAPPENING ?!
COULD IT BE THAT ...
THE BARRIER'S BREAKING DOWN ?
THEN, NATSUKO'S BODY MUST BE DISINTEGRATING BECAUSE OF THE SPELL FORCE ?
UH
AH
OR ELSE ... ?

AH
AH
FUJII



HOW DID YOU KNOW ?

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WAAHH!

BY FANS, FOR FANS
NO PROFIT, IN ANY WAY
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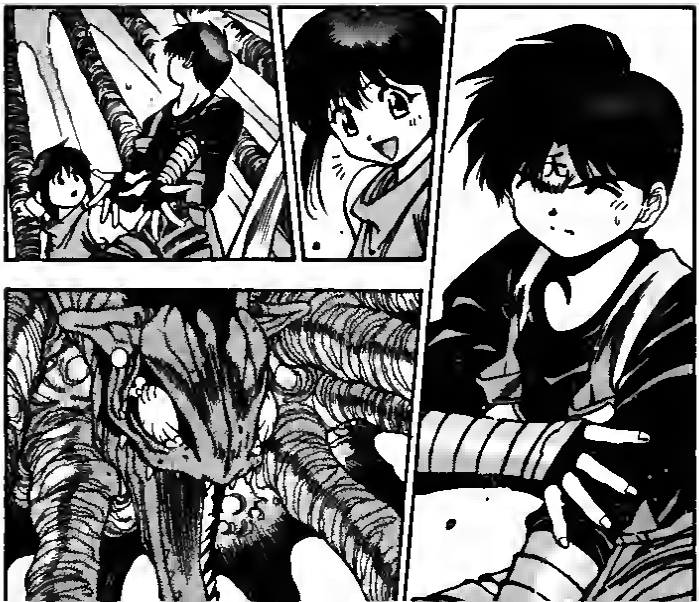
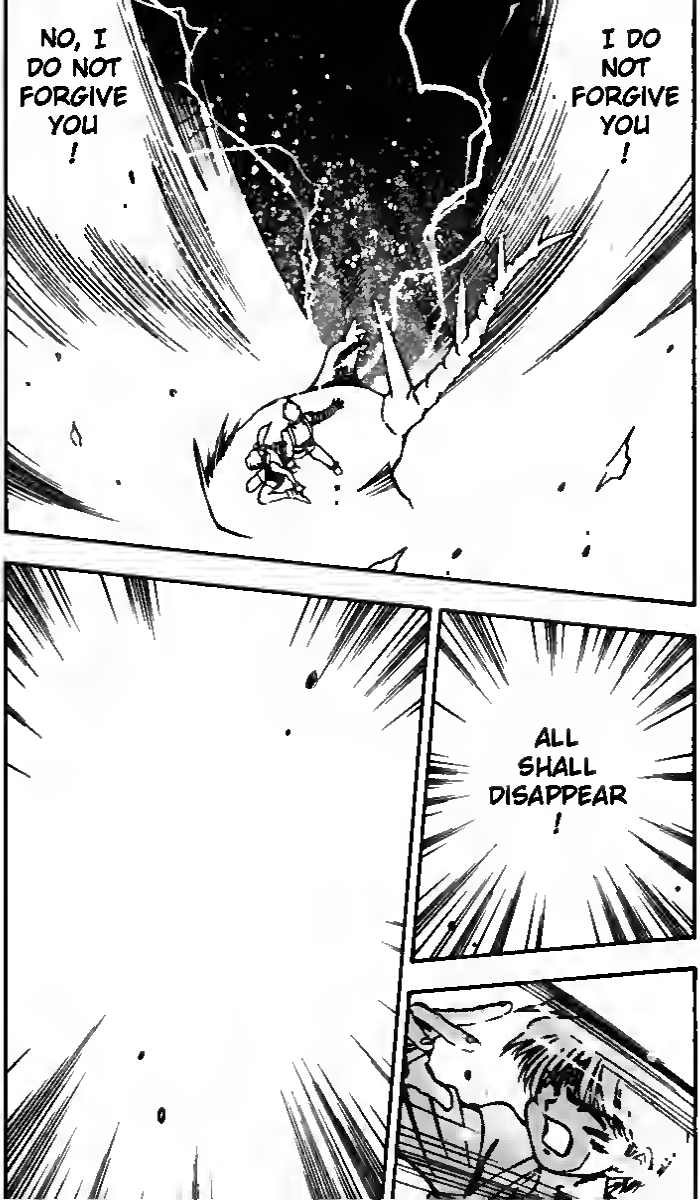
YOU DID IT !!

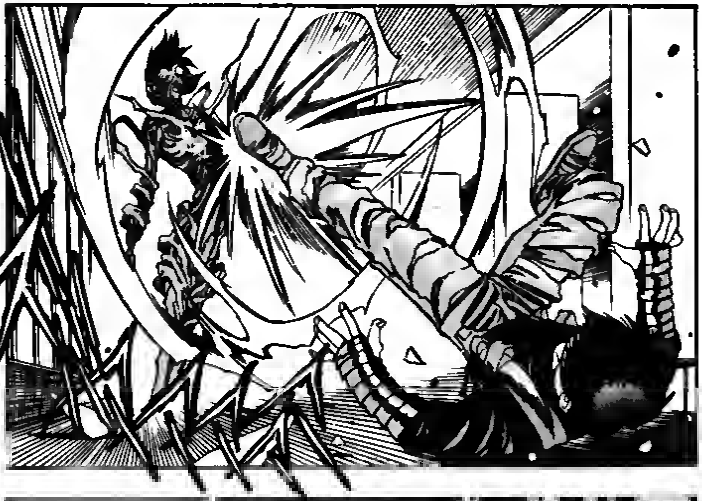


I'M SORRY
NAT-SUKO

无
I ...
I ...
FOR-GIVE ME

YA-YAKUMO!
WE MUST GO!
QUICK!
I...
NAT-NATSU-KO!!
WAAAHH!


NO, I DO NOT FORGIVE YOU !
I DO NOT FORGIVE YOU !
ALL SHALL DISAPPEAR !



UH!
NAT-SUKO!!
HUH?!
SANJI-YAN!!
LET'S GO, YAKUMO
THE BARRIER HAS DISAP-PEARED!

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ゴオオ

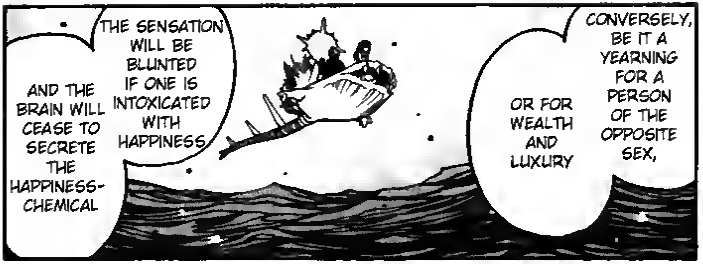
YOU MANAGED TO IDENTIFY THE SPELL FORCE SOURCE
GOOD JOB
...
I COULD MAKE NATSUKO'S HEARTS MERGE INTO ONE
BUT THEY UNITED ON HATE .. ON HATE AND MISERY
I COULDN'T
WHAT IS HAPPINESS ?

DO NOT BE ANGUISHED, FOR YOU HAVE SAVED NATSUKO'S LIFE
MAYBE ...
BUT THAT ALLOWED YOU TO ISOLATE THE INTRUDER WHO WAS ACTING LIKE THE IDEAL NATSUKO... THE WAY YOU WANTED HER TO BE BUT SHE WASN'T IN REALITY...
THIS INCIDENT HAS MADE ME UNDER-STAND
DON'T BLAME YOUR-SELF
...
BUT I'M EVEN MORE LOATHSOME
NATSUKO SAID HER HEART WAS HIDEOUS
A DARKNESS AS BIG AS THE EVIL OF THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION
THIS IS TRUE FOR ANYONE ...
WITHIN PEOPLE'S HEARTS, THERE IS UGLINESS, DARKNESS ...

END OF CHAPTER 294

Chapter 245
DEMON EGG

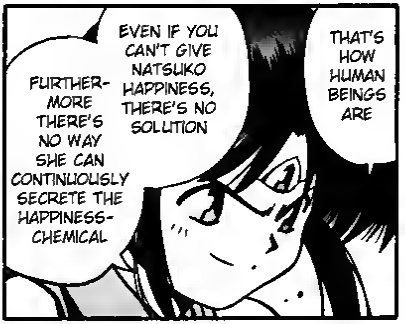
IN MY OPINION,
HAPPINESS IS SOMETHING INTANGIBLE AND FLEETING
WHAT EXISTS IS ONLY THE "FEELING OF HAPPINESS"
REGARD-LESS OF THE SITUATION ONE FEELS HIMSELF IN
AS LONG AS THE BRAIN SECRETES THE HAPPINESS-CHEMICAL FOR THE BODY
A PERSON WILL THEN FEEL HAPPINESS


CONVERSELY, BE IT A YEARNING FOR A PERSON OF THE OPPOSITE SEX,
OR FOR WEALTH AND LUXURY
THE SENSATION WILL BE BLUNTED IF ONE IS INTOXICATED WITH HAPPINESS
AND THE BRAIN WILL CEASE TO SECRETE THE HAPPINESS-CHEMICAL

AND A CRAVING FOR GREATER HAPPINESS ACCORDING TO ONE'S DESIRES
THEN WHAT FOLLOWS IS A GRASPING AT STRAWS, LOOKING FOR REASONS TO EXPLAIN ONE'S UNHAPPINESS

EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE IN HAPPY SITUATIONS, THEY WON'T FEEL HAPPY
THEREFORE HUMAN BEINGS WILL FEEL MISERABLE

I UNDERSTAND THOSE THINGS, BUT...

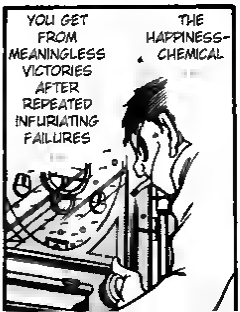

FURTHER-MORE THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN CONTINUOUSLY SECRETE THE HAPPINESS-CHEMICAL
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T GIVE NATSUKO HAPPINESS, THERE'S NO SOLUTION
THAT'S HOW HUMAN BEINGS ARE

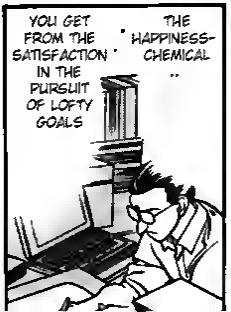
... THERE SHOULD EXIST THOSE WHO DON'T OBEY THEIR DESIRES AND COVET HAPPINESS
THAT'S YOUR MISPERCEPTION
PEOPLE HUNGER FOR HAPPINESS OVER AND OVER AGAIN
BUT ...
OH, DON'T BE IMPATIENT
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO SAY
NEW SOURCES OF HAPPINESS ARE SELDOM OBTAINABLE SUCCESSFULLY ONE AFTER ANOTHER
IF SO, WHAT WOULD HUMAN BEINGS DO THEN ?
AFTER HAVING EATEN THE CAKE
THE MOUTH WOULD FEEL TOO SATIATED WITH SWEETNESS TO WANT SOME ORANGE JUICE
WHAT IF THIS MOUTH WERE TO TASTE SOME SPICY CURRY NEXT ?
THE ORANGE JUICE WOULD TASTE DELICIOUS

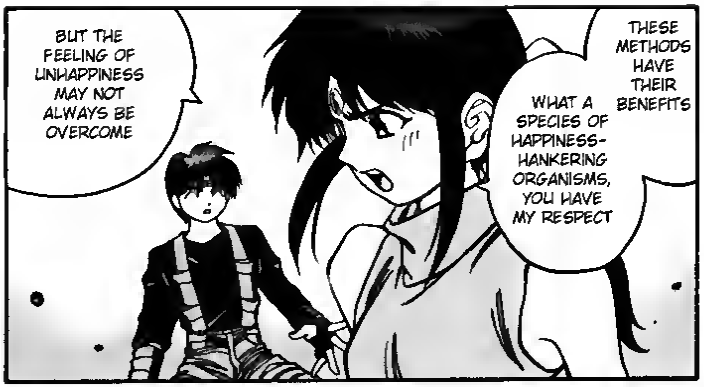
TO ACHIEVE A BALANCE AGAINST A MODERATE AMOUNT OF SWEETNESS
SOME SPICINESS AND BITTERNESS ARE NEEDED
TO RECOVER FROM AN ALREADY NUMB SENSATION OF HAPPINESS
YOU WOULD NEED TERROR, ANXIETY, PAIN AND OTHER SUCH FEELINGS OF UNHAPPINESS

YOU GET THROUGH THE RELEASE OF STRESSED NERVES DUE TO FRIGHT AND EXCITEMENT
THE HAPPINESS-CHEMICAL

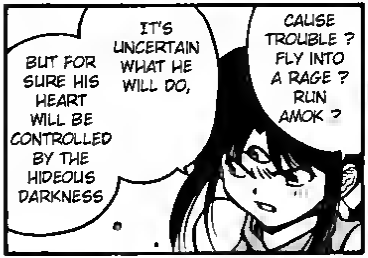
YOU GET THROUGH PHYSICAL EXERTION
THE HAPPINESS-CHEMICAL


YOU GET FROM MEANINGLESS VICTORIES AFTER REPEATED INFURIATING FAILURES
THE HAPPINESS-CHEMICAL


YOU GET FROM THE SATISFACTION IN THE PURSUIT OF LOFTY GOALS
THE HAPPINESS-CHEMICAL

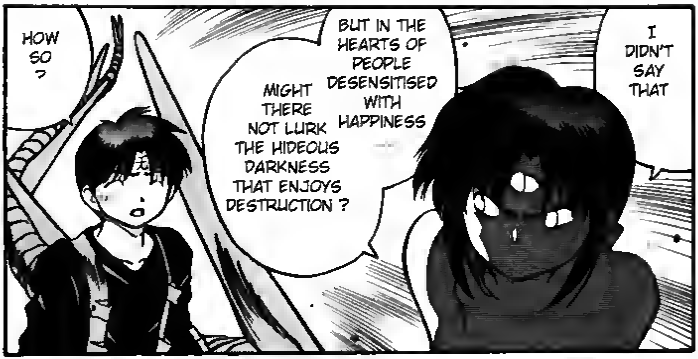

BUT THE FEELING OF UNHAPPINESS MAY NOT ALWAYS BE OVERCOME
WHAT A SPECIES OF HAPPINESS-HANKERING ORGANISMS, YOU HAVE MY RESPECT
THESE METHODS HAVE THEIR BENEFITS

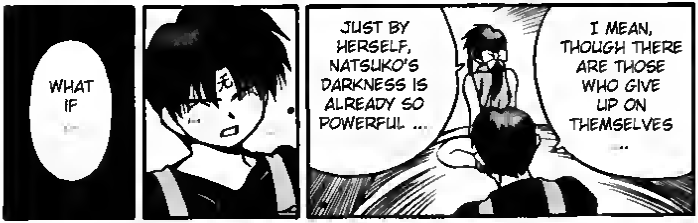
IF THE CURRY IS TOO SPICY, THE ORANGE JUICE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH ...
YOU MIGHT EVEN WIND UP IN THE HOSPITAL
FAILURES, SETBACKS, DISAPPOINT-MENTS ...
WHAT WOULD SUCH A PERSON DO ?


CAUSE TROUBLE ? FLY INTO A RAGE ? RUN AMOK ?
IT'S UNCERTAIN WHAT HE WILL DO,
BUT FOR SURE HIS HEART WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE HIDEOUS DARKNESS

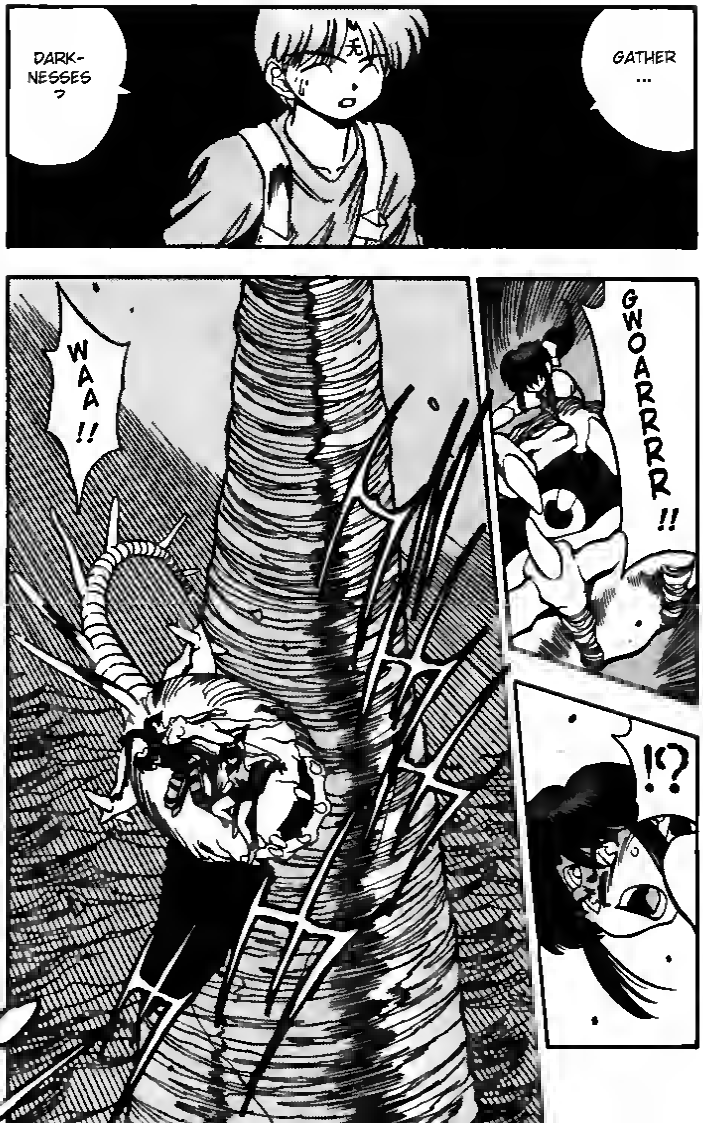
THE HIDEOUS DARKNESS ...

THE AIM IS TO RETURN TO NOTHINGNESS ... THE HEART DESIRES TO MOVE AGAIN
TO DESTROY OTHERS, TO SELF-DESTROY ...
ARE YOU SAYING THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION WILL BRING ABOUT HAPPINESS ?
BUT ISN'T THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ITS ROOT CAUSE ?
ALTHOUGH THE UNFORTUNATE RESULT IS DESTRUCTION
FROM THE BEGINNING ?
TO MOVE AGAIN ..


HOW SO ?
MIGHT THERE NOT LURK THE HIDEOUS DARKNESS THAT ENJOYS DESTRUCTION ?
BUT IN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE DESENSITISED WITH HAPPINESS
I DIDN'T SAY THAT


WHAT IF ...
JUST BY HERSELF, NATSUKO'S DARKNESS IS ALREADY SO POWERFUL ...
I MEAN, THOUGH THERE ARE THOSE WHO GIVE UP ON THEMSELVES ...

DO WE HAVE ANY HOPE OF WINNING ?
KAIYANWANG WERE TO GATHER ALL THESE DARKNESSES ...


DARK-
NESSES
?
GATHER
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WAA
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GWOARRRR
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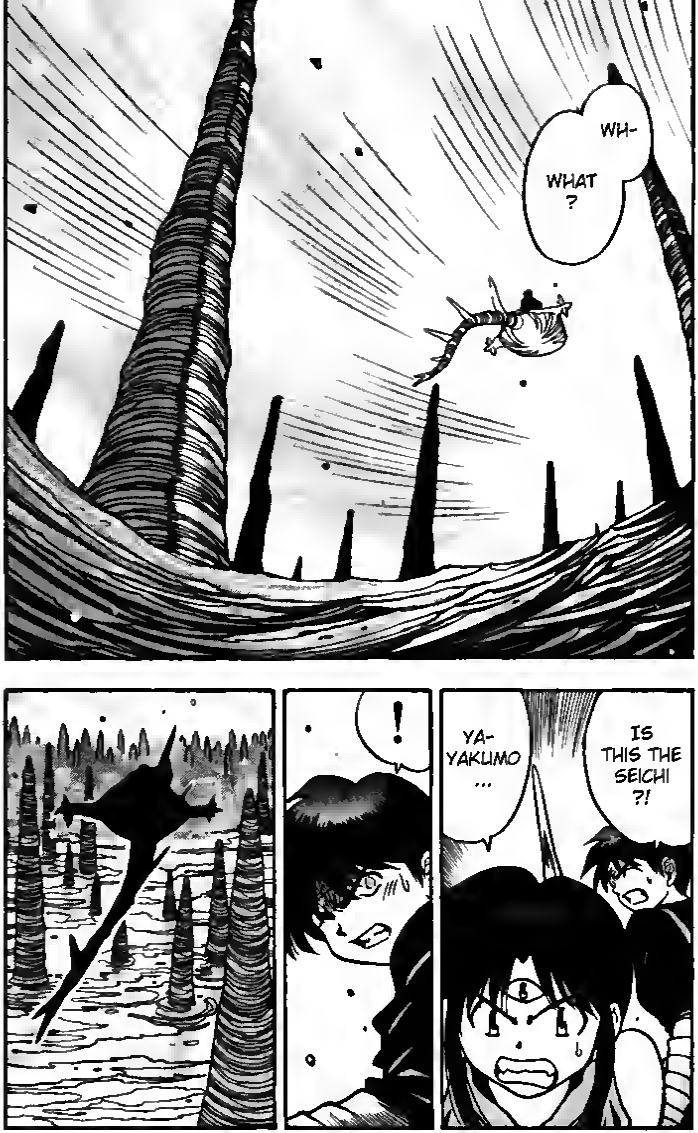
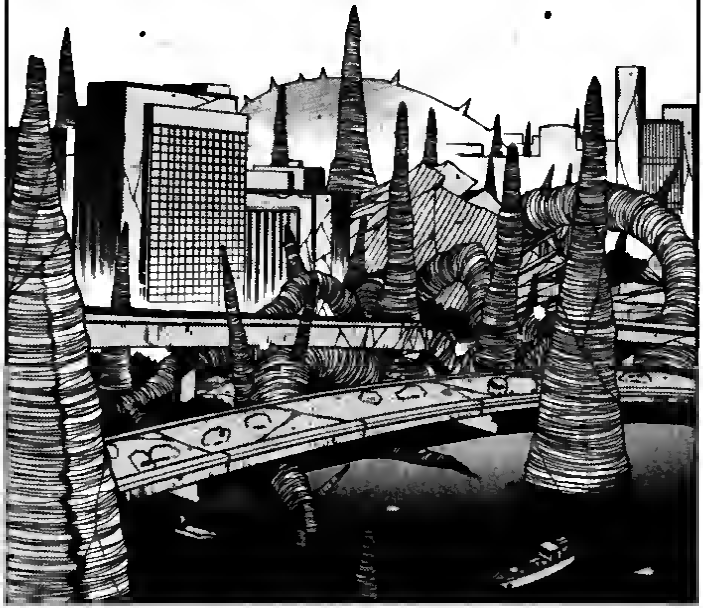

WH-
WHAT ?
!
YA-YAKUMO ...
IS THIS THE SEICHI ?!



WHAT ? WHAT HAS HAPPENED ... ?
THIS ISN'T THE SEICHI, IT'S TOKYO !!
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LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF EMBRYO OR EGG ...
WHAT ARE THOSE ?!
THEY'RE OVER HERE TOO
ARE THEY A TRAP TO KEEP US IN TOKYO ?!
WHAT SHALL WE DO, YAKUMO ?! GO TO THE SEICHI LIKE THIS ?
OR RESOLVE THE SITUATION AGAIN ?
NO
THIS IS WAY TOO MUCH FOR A TRAP

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